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INTRODUCTION

Some years ago, I read the Dairy of Admiral Samuel Pepys, and later, the Dairy of Judge Samuel Sewall who was a great, great uncle of the author of this Diary.

William Sewall was the son of General Henry Sewall of Augusta, Maine, of Revolutionary times.

GENERAL HENRY SEWALL—1752-1846

General Henry Sewall was born in 1752 and entered the Revolutionary army at the beginning of the war, at the age of twenty-three years, and served till its close. He enlisted May 12, 1775, as first corporal in Captain David Bradish's company. The company was raised at Falmouth, now Portland, Maine, soon after the battle of Lexington, and marched to Cambridge to join Col. Phinney's regiment of the Massachusetts line.

He served through the siege of Boston. Tradition says he was in the battle of Long Island, August 26 and 27, 1776 (Americans defeated.) He was present at the battle of Hubberton during the retreat from Ticonderoga. He took part in the Saratoga campaign and witnessed the surrender of General Burgoyne, October 17, 1777. After this victory, a portion of the northern troops were dispatched to the aid of General Washington in Pennsylvania. Henry Sewall accompanied them and spent the winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge. He passed through the several grades of ensign (1775), lieutenant, muster master (1778), captain (1779), and finally aid-de-camp to Maj. Gen. Heath, (1781), till the close of the war, 1783.

In connection with his duties as staff officer, he served as brigade-major and inspector-general besides the various regular duties of his position. At different times during the war he served by request in place of his friends who desired to be absent, and sometimes, by virtue of special appointment, filled for a time vacant places, such as paymaster, quarter-master, brigade inspector, etc., in positions generally above his own rank. Tradition asserts that he served on General Washington's staff. However, it is probable that if he served it was merely to assist Maj-Gen. Samuel Parsons, who was aid to Gen. Washington, and a special friend and brother-in-law to Capt. Sewall.

William Heath had command of the artillery of Boston, and in 1770, was a provincial colonel; was in the provincial congress in 1774-5; was brigadier-general in 1776. Heath and his aids were with Washington the last three years of the war. As a member of Heath's staff, Capt. Henry Sewall was an original member of the Cincinnati Society* and was its vice-president in 1845. He was a United States pensioner under the grant of March 3, 1826, for seven years' service as captain of Massachusetts troops, and as aid-de-camp to Gen. Heath. The pension was continued until his death. Henry Sewall also received for his Revolutionary service 600 acres of bounty land granted by the legislature of the state of Maine, March 20, 1838. He held successively the commissions of division inspector, brigadier and major general of the eighth division of the Massachusetts militia. This division was in service in the War of 1812.

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*A national patriotic association formed by the sons of the American Revolution May 13, 1873, of which only the eldest male descendants of officers in the Revolution are entitled to membership.

In 1809 he commanded in suppression of the Lincoln County Squatter War, and during the trial of the Chadwick murderers at Augusta, Maine. In 1814, in the last war with England at Wiscasset, Maine, he served with a detachment of 1400 men; and on Edgecomb Heights, in September, 1814, he served for fifty days, the alarm being an assault of barges of the seventy-four English ships of war on the burwarks at the mouth of the Sheepscott River in Lincoln County, Maine.

In 1783 he went to Fort Weston (now Augusta and Hallowell) on the Kennebec River and engaged in trade. He was seven years a selectman and thirty-two years town clerk in Hallowell and Augusta. He was register of deeds seventeen years, and clerk of the district court of Maine from its organization in 1789 to 1818.

General Sewall was eminently a Christian man. His long and eventful life was characterized by a steady effort to live near to God. He daily acknowledged the constant sense of His presence and help with earnest pleadings for himself, family and friends, both sinners and Christians, the church and the world. Every transaction of his own and those of his offspring through life was submitted to divine guidance and direction. He was a good husband, a kind and affectionate parent, and taught his children both by precept and example to live in harmony with scripture teaching and moral truths. He was prudent and careful in all his financial affairs, and he was benevolent in all his righteous enterprises. He was naturally a good judge of sacred music in his day, and quite a critic on the subject.

He was married three times, his first wife being the mother of all his children, seven in number, four of whom grew to maturity, being:

Abigail Sewall-Dutch
Charles Sewall
Susan Sewall-Gardner and
William Sewall, (the author).

This Diary has been in the family since the death of William Sewall, but it was difficult to read, on account of its age, and it was not interesting, or at least not as interesting as it would have been had it been easy to read. During the Centennial of Beardstown in July, 1929, our family took up the book, and became interested on account of its frankness—it had great similarity to the Pepys and

Judge Samuel Sewall Diaries, although William Sewall lived nearly one hundred years later. After considerable practice, we found the Diary much less difficult to decipher, and at that time, decided it was worth publishing, and that it had an intrinsic value to readers who were interested in the stirring events of that period and in intimate history of the various communities in which he travelled and lived.

WILLIAM SEWALL—1797-1846

William Sewall was not a nationally known man, but he was a pioneer of great determination. He kept a Diary, and was very frank in its record. His father, General Henry Sewall, displayed considerable greatness, both as a soldier and as a man. It is very unusual that a man like William Sewall, who travelled in nineteen states, the District of Columbia, and some points in Canada, should keep a Diary for twenty-nine years.

I do not feel that this Diary needs an introduction, and I am disposed to apologize for attempting to add a porch to so complete a narrative structure as that which the writer has before him.

A detailed account of any parish is, to a certain extent, an abridgement of the larger record of the whole country to which it applies; the struggles taking place on a larger scale as recorded in national history, and repeated on a smaller scale in each organized settlement.

The first year of this Diary is copied verbatim simply to show how the Diary was kept. The remainder of it is an abridgment, giving just such parts or days as would be necessary to trace Mr. Sewall from place to place, and which are of a historical nature.

It is extremely valuable for historical purposes, as he lived and travelled both before and after the coming of steamboats, and before and after the building of railroads, and during the time when there was such great distress in our country with our monetary system and exchange; and from the further fact that he returned through most of the communities and parishes twenty years after he left them, and again described them.

Additional value is derived from his great interest in all the churches and his minutest descriptions, both interior and exterior, of every church he visited. Also on account of the great time he spent around Washington City, our national Capitol, during its early history, at the beginning of the agitation of the Slavery Question, and his experience with his own slaves in attempting to bring them west across the State of Indiana; and on account of his pioneering and intimate description of it. Included also is the detailed account of his courtship of Eliza Middleton, later his wife.

The author of this narrative is not the hero of it. His wife was the heroine, as she took over the business of operating the farm after it had become badly involved, redeemed it, and made money after his death in 1846.

INTRODUCTION

William Sewall was reared in the town of Augusta, Maine, with a limited knowledge of farming, and no handicraft. His sole experience at the time he started out for himself was a little practice in his father's office as a clerk, and as a country school teacher.

With this Diary, we append fourteen Revolutionary letters of General Henry Sewall of Augusta, Maine, William's father, and several letters of later years written by Henry to his son William, giving him advice, urging him to return home, etc.

JOHN GOODELL,

A Grandson.

Note: The letter written by General Henry Sewall to his parents from Valley Forge in 1777-78 was in my hands within the last fifteen years, but in some manner I have misplaced it, and am unable to locate it.
J. G.

BEGINNING OF THE DIARY

At home—Hallowell, Maine.

January, 1817: Monday—6th
Moderate snowstorm, fell about four inches, which was very acceptable of the inhabitants of this eastern territory. The ground has been almost entirely bare for a number of days.

Tuesday—7th.
Pleasant weather. Susan* and myself spent the evening very pleasantly at Esq. Bridge's.

Wednesday—8th.
Appearance of snow.

Thursday—9th
Pleasant, moderate. Bought load of wood (for the office), contains 6½ feet, at the rate of 15 shillings per cord of Mr. Rockwood.**

Friday—10th.
Moderate snowstorm. Finished recording deeds of pews for the town. Spent the evening at the office.

Saturday—11th
Snowstorm. Snow about 12 inches deep. Evening attended prayer meeting at Wood's, considerable number at meeting.

Sunday—12th
Cold but pleasant. Attended meeting, heard Mr. Tappan preach. The forenoon service was respecting evil consequence. This discourse I consider uncommonly good. Mr. Tappan spoke with a great degree of delicacy and propriety, but much to the purpose. This discourse was well adapted at this time as the overseers of the poor of this town having been around, and to their great surprise, found no less than a dozen houses of entertainment for persons given to loose habits.

Monday—13th
Very cold in the morning but pleasant through the day. Mr. and Mrs. Tappan, with his mother, drank tea at our house and spent the evening. Meeting of the Union Society having adjourned without delay after the business was completed, several gentlemen called Mr. Amos Nichols to the chair for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of forming a society for benevolent purposes. I was chosen secretary for the evening, having chosen a committee of three to form a constitution, the meeting was then adjourned until Friday evening to meet at the same place at 7 P. M.

Tuesday—14th
Continues very cold. Singing school commenced at the hall over the office of John Davis, Esq. Mr. Tenny from Bridgework was employed as an instructor. I attended.

Wednesday—15th, 1817
Enormous cold morning, thermometer 25° below zero. Attended camp meeting at Mr. Rogers, East side Kennebec River.

Thursday—16th
The weather begins to moderate a little. Went to Hallowel. Young ladies met at our house for the purpose of learning to sing.

Friday—17th
Birthday—twenty years old. How rapid the time passes on. Twenty years have already rolled over my head, but, Oh How Short! Oh! Lord how kind Thou art to bring me to the light of another of my birthdays. Oh! may I find Thee, The Lord and Saviour of this World. May I, for the future live nearer to God, and be more devoted to him than ever yet done. Singing school in the evening, a considerable number attending. Snowed a little in the evening; weather quite mild.

Saturday—18th
Violent rainstorm during the last night, which carried off most of the snow. Also rainy through the day. Attended prayer meeting at Mr. Alden's.

Sunday—19th
Sudden change of the weather, very cold and blustering. Attended meeting. Very little snow.

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*Susan Sewall Gardner, sister.
**Office of District Court.

Monday—20th: January, 1817
Cold. Carried my boots to the shoemaker to be tapped.

Tuesday—21st
Attended singing school.

Wednesday—22nd.
Conference meeting at Rev. Mr. Tappan's. President Appleton, from Brunswick, expounded on a chapter in Luke. Rather a thin meeting.

Thursday—23rd
Spent the evening at Capt. Hewett's. Weather mild.

Friday—24th
Snowstorm—which continued through the day. Singing school, I attended. The school consists of about thirty regular scholars and more are expected soon.

Saturday—25th
Snow, enough fallen to make good sleighing. Attended prayer meeting at Mrs. Woods.

Sunday—26th
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Kendrick preached in exchange with Mr. Tappan. Also Mr. Kendrick preached a lecture in the Court House. Rev. Mr. Horton present and assisted in the exercises, a general attendance. Mild weather through the day but a little blustering in the evening.

Monday—27th
Very pleasant morning, but cold. Town meeting for the choice of Representative in Congress.

Tuesday—28th
Very blustering and extremely cold, which continued through the day. Singing school, I attended.

Wednesday—29th
Very cold morning, but pleasant through the day. Attended conference meeting at Mr. Rogers, east side of the river. Quite a full meeting. (Kennebec River.)

Thursday—30th
Rather more moderate this morning, but it was rather cold last night. Cousins Daniel Crosby, with his two sisters, Marion and Johanna, arrived at my father's from Penobscot. All well in that quarter.

Friday—31st
Cold. Some appearance of snow this morning. Cousin Daniel and myself went to Hallowell. Singing school—attended. Found a good number there.

February—1817: Saturday—1st
Cold, but a pleasant morning. Went to Hallowell.
Attended prayer meeting at Mr. Alden's.

Sunday—2nd
Very pleasant, attended meeting, Mr. Tappan preached.

Monday—3rd
Snowstorm, wind N. E. Received a letter from Capt. Peck dated at Baltimore. My time to patrol the streets to-night. Found it very comfortable.

Tuesday—4th
Blustering day. Received a letter from Mr. H. Allen by the hand of Paul Williams. Daniel Crosby and his sisters sat out this morning for home. Old Mrs. Dillingham died.

Wednesday—5th
Cold. Attended a lecture at Mr. Tappan's house, heard Mr. Ingraham (a candidate for the ministry) preach, words were in Corinthians, "Examine Yourselves." Very cold evening.

Thursday—6th
Pleasant, but sharp cold air. Attended a conference meeting at Mr. Rogers, Mr. Ingraham officiated. Wrote Capt. Peck who is at Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Dillingham buried.

Friday—7th.
Mild weather. Attended singing school.

Saturday—8th
Some appearance of snow, weather continues to be mild. Major Chandler's child dangerously ill. Attended prayer meeting at

Mrs. Woods, east side of river—it was a full meeting.

Sunday—9th: February, 1817
Major Chandler's little boy died about 3 o'clock last night, aged three years. Attended meeting, heard Rev. Mr. Tappan preach. Watched with Mr. H. Nichols with the corpse at the request of Mr. Chandler. This is rather a superstitious notion of persons having watchers guard the dead during the night. But, as it is a general custom we must put up with it. However, I think it foolish prater, pretty much done with. How does it seem possible that a dead body can receive any injury while in a close chamber, secured by a strong lock. Certainly there can be no danger, and it is all folly to suppose such a thing. I imagine, however, that there is a tendency to ease the feelings of the friends of the deceased person and enables them to rest better during our long and tedious night.

Monday—10th
Pleasant. Father sat out for Wiscasset in sleigh. Uncle Jotham Sewall called at my father's and will spend the night.

Tuesday—11th
Blustering! Cold! Very uncomfortable day, Northwest wind. Father returned from Wiscasset. Uncle Jotham sat out for home. Funeral of Major Chandler's child, I attended. Mr. Tappan officiated. Singing school, I attended.

Wednesday—12th
Rather cold. Set out for Brunswick with Mr. Walker and Theodore Bridge, with our horse and sleigh. Began to snow when we had got as far as Shaw's Tavern in Litchfield. Went round by the way of Catshant in Bowdoinham. Arrived at Brunswick about five o'clock, P. M., rather heavy sleighing. After having put up my horse I was invited by Mr. Walker to go with him to take tea at Mr. Perry's. Found them quite agreeable people. Proceeded on to Bath and arrived about eight o'clock evening at Mr. David Sewall's, found them all well.

Thursday—13th
Spent the day with Mr. David Sewall's. Had an invitation to take tea and spend the evening at Mr. Lambard's, went accordingly. Not much difference in the weather.

Friday—14th
Sat out with Mrs. Mohitable North, for Augusta. Rather blustering day. Went to Brunswick before we stopped. Saw Mr. Walker and Theodore Bridge, thence we came on to Topshane and called on Mr. A. Hunter, an acquaintance of Mrs. North. Having sufficiently refreshed ourselves, together with the horse, we concluded to proceed on to Leonard's Tavern, which was with much difficulty, finding that the snow had drifted so very much, and extreme cold weather, we were upon the point of giving up going any farther. However, having got sufficiently warm we ventured to go as far as Shaw's Tavern (about five miles) which is in Litchfield, 'twas nearly sunset before we reached there, the roads being so much drifted. Here we stopped and gave our horse a good refreshment. Having got along thus far with no very great difficulty other than experiencing a great degree of cold, we concluded to go on to Mr. Thomas Sewall's, who lives in Gardiner, which is about six miles. Arrived there about eight o'clock. Here we spent the night. I think I never experienced so cold and blustering day before in my recollection. I found upon examination that I have frozen one of my ears in the squall. Very cold and dreadful keen air.

Saturday—15th, 1817
Proceeded on homeward where we reached about 11 o'clock A. M. Found all well, but little did they expect me to have been out in all the late blustering weather. Carried Mrs. North to Judge North. The weather rather mild to what it was yesterday. Attended prayer meeting at Mr. Alden's.

Sunday—16th
Pleasant morning, but not much difference in the severity of the weather. Attended meeting, Mr. Gillett preached in connection with Mr. Tappan.

Monday—17: February, 1817
I think the severe cold has abated a little. Copied Division orders for another election in the Cavalry. Went to Hallowell with horse and sleigh.

Tuesday—18th
Weather continues the same. Wrote a letter to Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby, Hampden, per mail. Attended singing school.

Wednesday—19th
Pleasant. Mr. L. Hude of Bath called at our house and dined with us. Kennebec Bible Society met at Hallowell, father went down. Evening: Foreign Missionary Society of Hallowell and Augusta met at the Court House. Rev. Jotham Sewall preached the sermon upon the occasion. Rev. Messrs. Kendrick and Tappan present. After the meeting, the Society proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. Choose Rev. Mr. Gillet, President, Rev. Mr. Tappan, First Vice President, Rev. D. Thurston, Second Vice President, John Sewall, Esq., Treasurer, General Henry Sewall (father of William) Secretary. Mr. Hyde spent the night with us.

Thursday—20th
Went to Hallowell, carried Mr. Hyde down, who proceeded from there to Bath in a sleigh with a friend, who he came up with. Spent the evening at Judge Bridge's.

Friday—21st
Mild weather. Doctor Wright of Edgecomb called at my father's and gave us the melancholy news of the death of Aunt Sarah, a sister of my father. She was buried in Edgecomb the 25th day of December. Very singular indeed that her children should be so inattentive in not giving us the reasonable notes of the event. Doctor Wright attended her during her sickness, which was caused by sleeping in a chamber of a new house which one of her sons lately built before it was sufficiently dry, where she took a violent cold. Attended singing school, a little rain fell in the evening.

Saturday—22nd
Very warm and pleasant which melted the snow, the travel being quite disagreeable. Prayer meeting at Mrs. Woods, I did not attend.

Sunday—23rd
Rev. Mr. Tappan changed with Mr. Robert Page (a candidate for the Gospel Ministry). Attended meeting and much pleased with Mr. Page's preaching. Mr. Page preached a lecture in the Court House. I think I was as well satisfied with the evening discourse as I was through the day. Pleasant. Mrs. Mary Reed propounded for admission to the Church.

Monday—24th
Snow storm. Wind N. E.—rather blustery —singing school—I attended.

Tuesday—25th
Very blustery. The snow that fell yesterday considerably drifted. Father sat out for Wiscasset District Court* to set there this week. Singing school—Mrs. Bridge and Mrs. H. North drank tea at our house.

Wednesday—26th
Pleasant—Attended Court meeting at Mr. Rogers.

Thursday—27th
Snow storm. Spent the evening at Judge Bridge's.

Friday—28th
Pleasant. Mr. Tappan's preparatory lecture. I attended, also I attended singing school in the evening.

March, 1817: Saturday—1st
Snowstorm. Father returned from Wiscasset. Found very bad travelling. No prayer meeting in consequence of the weather.

Sunday—2nd
Pleasant, attended meeting. Mr. Tappan preached communion of his Church.

Monday—3rd
Town meeting for the choice of town officers. Mr. Bond, town cherk, John Davis, Jas. Chandler and Wm. Emmon, selectmen

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*Gen. Henry Sewall, Clerk of District Court in this Judicial Circuit.

and assessors. Attended monthly prayer meeting at Mr. Tappan's. Singing school. (Town of Augusta).

Tuesday—4th: March, 1817
Very pleasant and mild. Singing school. Attended. Went to Hallowell.

Wednesday—5th
Pleasant. Spent the evening at Mr. John Brooks.

Thursday—6th
Went to the dedication of Vasselborough Meeting house, carried Miss H. Brooks. Was pleased with the performers, Rev. Gillet, Tappan, Lovejoy—officiated.* Dined at Mr. Hedges. Brought Miss Mary Jewett down with Miss Brooks. Had a very agreeable ride. Mr. E. V. Williams and wife spent the evening at my father's. Rev. Mr. Bayley called here and is to spend the night at our house.

Friday—7th
Appearances of rain. Went out to the pond in quest of pickeral. Mr. Norton and Wm. H. Brooks went with me, but in consequence the water being upon the ice we could not catch any. Singing School. I attended.

Saturday—8th
Remarkable pleasant for most of the last week, which has carried off most of the snow. Attended prayer meeting at Mrs. Woods.

Sunday—9th
Attended meeting, Mr. Kimball, a missionary, who is preaching at Vassalborough preached in exchange with Mr. Tappan.

Monday—10th
Some appearance of a storm. Attended the election of officers in the East Company Infantry, lately commanded by David Wall, they elected Elias Stackford, Captain. Attended singing school.

Tuesday—11th
Cold, attended singing school.

Wednesday—12th
Pleasant, attended camp meeting at Mr. Rogers. Mr. Dummer Sewall and wife from Chesterville* called at my father's and will spend the night.

Thursday—13th
Miss Curtin and Miss Abigial Carry spent the evening at our house.

Friday—14th
Singing school. I attended.

Saturday—15th, 1817
Pleasant. Attended prayer meeting at Mr. Alden's. A general attendance.

Sunday—16th
Quite pleasant. Attended meeting. Capt. Seth Williams prayed for, being in a very low and languishing state. Mr. Tappan preached a lecture at the Court House in the evening.

Monday—17th
Continues to be pleasant. Attended singing school.

Tuesday—18th
Snowstorm, wind S. E. which makes the snow fall very wet, in consequence of which the travelling under foot was very bad. A few of the singers met, but Mr. Tenny, the instructor, did not attend so we did not do much. My turn to watch. Shall perform the duty on foot. Captain Seth William dies, aged sixty years.

Wednesday—19th
Found the traveling very wet and disagreeable. Pleasant after the late storm. Wind N. W. a little colder. Camp meeting at Mr. Tappan's. Did not attend.

Thursday—20th
Mrs. Sam Cummings, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Davis Welch, have died since last setting sun. An event that has not happened for a long time, for four persons to lay dead at one time in this town is something very remarkable. Spent the evening at Mr. Dutch's in company with Mr. Nason and Mr. Patton with their wives and Miss Elizabeth Nason, sister to Mr. Nason.

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*Vasselborough, town 12 miles North of Augusta, Maine.

*Chesterville 25 miles Northwest of Augusta, Maine.

Friday—21st: March, 1817
Mild weather with a little snow. Funeral of Capt. Seth Williams, a large assembly of people attended on this solemn occasion. Also the funeral of Mr. Davis Welch's wife —I attended. Truly these scenes are solemn and impressive, with the assistance of David Gran to make a salutory and abiding impression on the minds of mankind. Let us be reminded of our own mortality whenever we witness the departure of our fellow mortals. Soon we must leave this tabernacle of clay, and our spirits flee away to that god that gave them. Singing school. I spent the evening at Squire Brooks.

Saturday—22nd
Mild weather. Home of Mrs. Samuel Conners Mr. T. preached a sermon extemporaniously, "It is appointed for all men to die and after death cometh the judgment." Singing school. I attended. Prayer meeting at Mrs. Woods.

Sunday—23rd
Very pleasant. Mr. Tappan preached. I attended a Methodist return at the Courthouse. Mr. Tine preached.

Monday—24th
Mr. Rogers and wife with their connections spent the evening at my father's. Singing school. I attended.

Tuesday—25th
Pleasant and mild. Singing school. I attended.

Wednesday—26th
Snow storm. Camp meeting at Mr. Rogers, I attended.

Thursday—27th
Pleasant. Sister Dutch spent the evening at father's.

Friday—28th
Pleasant. Singing school. Being the last evening a considerable number called to see the performance.

Saturday—29th
Mild weather, went to prayer meeting at Mr. Alden's, an unusual number attended the meeting. Rev. Greeley attended who will preach in the morning.

Sunday—30th
Rev. Mr. Greeley of Turner preached in exchange with Mr. Tappan. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached at Winthrop and Rev. Mr. Thurston at Turner. Mr. Greeley preached a lecture at the Courthouse in the evening.

Monday—31st
Pleasant weather, but bad walking on account of the mud. Attended to collections on subscriptions for benefit of the singing school.

April, 1817: Tuesday—1st
Very warm for the snow is wasting fast. Singing Society meets. Elects Mr. Tenny as Chorister.

Wednesday—2nd
Continues pleasant. Mr. D............... moves over to this side of Kennebec River into the house near the meeting house, formerly occupied by .... Spent part of the evening at Mr. Evliths.

Thursday—3rd
Mr. Tappan preached afternoon. Mr. Gillet in exchange with Mr. Tappan. Went to meeting in chaise, there being no snow.

Friday—4th
Spent the evennig at Mr. Moody Thurlow's with Mr. Tenny. Had a very agreeable entertainment in the Singing Federal Society at Mr. Lambert's. Uncle Jotham called here and will spend the night with us.

Saturday—5th
Warm. The roads begin to be somewhat settled. Attended prayer meeting at Mrs. Woods. A Mrs. Day died.

Sunday—6th
Attended meeting. Mr. Tappan preached.

Monday—7th
Rainy. Town meeting for Governor. Brooks 153 votes, Dearborn 118.

Tuesday—8th: April, 1817
Very pleasant. Singing school. I attended. Watched with John Hamlin.

Wednesday—9th
Rainy, wind southeast. Spent the evening very pleasantly at Mr. Dillingham's in company with Miss Mary Jewett.

Thursday—10th
Pleasant again. The streets have become quite dry in places. The ice still passable by foot. Some people venture horses, but it is considered dangerous.

Friday—11th
Rather cool.

Saturday—12th
Light Infantry met for the purpose of admitting members.
Attended prayer meeting at Mr. Alden's.

Sunday—13th
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Gillet preached in exchange with Mr. Tappan.

Monday—14th
Military election in the East Company of Infantry commanded by Brother Charles. Went over the ice (it being yet passable) and attended as a spectator. Sergt. Stackpole 32—Lieut. Sewall 27. Total 59.

Tuesday, April 15th, 1817
Circuit Court of Common Pleas now setting in the Court House. Evening: Uncle Jotham preached in the Courthouse. Rainy.

Wednesday—16th
Rainy. Mr. Tappan preached at the Conference meeting in the evening. I attended.

Thursday—17th
Very pleasant. The ice in the river has gone down as far as Hallowell without molesting the inhabitants who live on the banks of the river. Great flocks of pigeons* are flying continually round us. Mrs. Church died.

Friday—18th
Went gunning after pigeons, but not very good success.

Saturday—19th
Pleasant but cool. Drill of the light Infantry.

Sunday—20th
Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. I attended meeting. Cold.

Monday—21st
Went to Hallowell and purchased my school books of Goodale on credit till next winter.

Tuesday—22nd
Warm. Attended singing school society.

Wednesday—23rd
Good spring weather, purchased 3 yds. cloth of Mr. Jas. Child, pay next winter at 10/6 per yard, purchased pair of neck handkerchiefs of Johnson and Dollingham, pay next winter. Cowan & Wheeler failed! Camp meeting over at Mr. Rogers.

Thursday—24th
Snow storm. Went to Hallowell.

Friday—25th
Pleasant. There has been about two inches of snow since last night. Circuit Court of Common Pleas finished their business for this term.

Saturday—26th
Rain storm. Prayer meeting held at my father's.

Sunday—27th
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. Mrs. John Reed admitted into the church.

Monday—28th
Pleasant. Went to Gardiner.

Tuesday—29th
Pleasant weather.

Wednesday—30th
Warm. Went with Miss Jewett to Gardiner.* Had a very pleasant ride. Evening attended Conference meeting at Rev. Mr. Tappan's. A tolerable full meeting.

May, 1817: Thursday—1st
Went to Bloomfield on horse back. Found

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*These are more than likely wild pigeons.

*Gardiner 8 miles South of Augusta, Maine.

it very warm. Arrived at Rev. Mr. Holt's about four o'clock P. M., and expect to spend the night.

Friday—2nd: May, 1817

Went with Harrison over to Deacon Kimball's and engaged to board with him the ensuing school year at 10/6 per week.* Then I proceeded to the Academy and agreed to enter there upon the condition that the Professor would wait on me until the next winter for the tuition, he was willing to comply with the terms. Went to Norridgework called at Major Sautell's where I saw Miss Sautells. Dined with Col. Jewett, returned to Rev. Mr. Holts and spent the night.

Saturday—3rd

Sat out for home, very warm. Took tea at Mr. Ingraham's, saw Miss Risher. Arrived home about sunset, found all wet. Attended prayer meeting at Mr. Woods.

Sunday—4th

Attended meeting, Mr. Tappan preached communion of his church. Methodists had quarterly meeting.

Monday—5th

Went to Hallowell on foot accompanied by Mr. Amos Wheeler & Chandler's son. Attended monthly prayer meeting at Mr. Tappan's, very full meeting.

Tuesday—6th

Calls on Mr. John Brooks family also on Mr. John H. Hartwell's. Afternoon attended meeting of the Light Infantry. Captain Stackford having been gone a considerable length of time, I was requested to act in his stead in the absence of the Lieutenant. Occupied most of the afternoon by drilling the Company.

Wednesday—7th

Sat out in the chaise with Mr. Tenny for Bloomfield for the purpose of attending the academy. Arrived at Rev. Mr. Holts about sundown. Took tea and went to Deacon Kimball's. Arrived nine o'clock in the evening. I found two young men who were boarding with Deacon Kimball who are to attended the academy.* This family were all well.

Thursday—8th

Entered the academy and entered upon my studies. There are about 20 to 30 students attending now. Mr. Tenny took the horse and went to Norridgework. Rainy. Spent the evening at the Mr. Solomon Stewart's.

Friday—9th

Pleasant. Attended school.

Saturday—10th

Cool. Taken the last night with a sick headache, which continued most of the day, consequently could not attend the academy.

Sunday—11th

Much warmer. Went to meeting about three miles below here, heard Rev. Mr. Peat who preached in exchange with Mr. Holt.

Monday—12th

Attended school. Rather cool, so much so that we had a fire in the academy.

Tuesday—13th

Appearances of rain. Attended school. Went over to Mr. Rev. Holts after school, where I saw Messrs. Thurston, Kenderick, and Tappan, also Rev. Mr. Page who is a missionary. Returned to my lodging.

Wednesday—14th

Cold. Attended school.

Thursday—15th: May—1817

Cold Northwest wind which set back the season. Attended academy.

Friday—16th

Very cold the last night. Attended school.

Saturday—17th

Warm. Attended school. Afternoon walked over to Norridgewock**; arrived at Major Sautell's about five o'clock. All well. He invited me to spend the night which I accordingly did.

Sunday—18th

Attended meeting at Norridgewock, Mr.

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*10/6 of $1.00 or $1.63.

*Lincoln Academy, Bloomfield, Maine.

**Forty miles up the Kennebec from Augusta.

Peat absent, but the society met and read a sermon. Spent the night at Mr. Sautell's.

Monday—19th: May, 1817
Sat off for school. Breakfast at Deacon Kimball's. The distance is thought to be five or six miles. Attended school. Received a letter from Mr. Tenny accompanied with a pair of their shoes.

Tuesday—20th
Attended school. Fine growing weather.

Wednesday—21st
Attended school. Warm. Walked over to Rev. Mr. Holt's after tea. Mr. Holt had gone to Industry. They were well as usual.

Thursday—22nd
Attended school but half a day, as there being no school in the afternoon.

Friday—23rd
No school. Wet weather.

Saturday—24th
Very warm. Attended school. After school Mr. Hale walked down to Mr. Kimball's and dined with us. Spent the afternoon at home.

Sunday—25th
Very pleasant. There being no meeting at the meeting house Rev. Mr. Holt being from home I went to the Falls where I heard Mr. Hale, the Preceptor, preach in the academy, John 10:27-28. Afternoon he preached in the meeting house from the same works. After meeting returned home pretty satisfied with the preaching.

Monday—26th
Attended school.

Tuesday—27th
Heavy frost last night, cold through the day. Wind N. W. Attended school.

Wednesday—28th
Attended school. Severe weather for the month of May. The inhabitants are fearful that there will not be anything raised this year in consequence of the cold and frosty night. Election of the Governor declared.

Thursday—29th
A little warmer. Attended school.

Friday—30th
Attended school. Warm. Wrote to sister Susan.*

Saturday—31st
Rainy during the last night which was very acceptable, at this time being very much wanted. Attended school. Afternoon very rainy. Went over to Mr. Solomon Stewart's and thence to the falls and home.

June, 1817: Sunday—1st
Cool, but pleasant. Attended the society meeting at Mr. Stewart's. Mr. Holt absent. Mr. Pratt from Brown College read a sermon.

Monday—2nd
Pleasant. Attended school. Afternoon went to the Monthly prayer meeting held near Mr. Holt's.

Tuesday—3rd
Attended school.

Wednesday—4th
Warm. Appearances of rain. Attended school. Afternoon Rev. Mr. Holt and Mr. Harrison took tea at Deacon Kimball's. Rainy.

Thursday—5th
Pleasant again. A beautiful rain during the last night which has given things quite a different appearance. Attended school. Afternoon very warm.

Friday—6th
A beautiful morning. Warm. Attended school.

Saturday—7th
Attended school. Warm. Spent the afternoon at Mr. Solomon Stewart's.

Sunday—8th
Rained most of last night. Attended the meeting at the Meeting House, heard Rev. Mr. Holt preach. Took dinnner at Mrs.

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*Susan Sewall married Gardner.

Weston's. Took tea at Mr. Solomon Stewart's family. Went with Mr. Jewett to singing meeting at the academy, where I was admitted as one of the members.

Monday—9th: June, 1817
Received a letter from Mr. J. Hamilton of Augusta, requesting me to attend a celebration of July next at Augusta. Answered in the mail that it would be impossible with my arrangements to comply with his request.

Tuesday—10th
Attended school. Rather cool. Afternoon raining, called on Mr. Tenny at Mr. Bigelow's, the next door neighbor.

Wednesday—11th
Cool but attended school.

Thursday—12th
Attended school. Wrote home to sister Susan by mail. Windy, which chilled the air so much that we had to have a fire in the academy. Somewhat warmer in the evening.

Friday—13th
Pleasant and quite warm in the morning. Attended school. Mr. Harrison Allen called on me and spent part of the afternoon.

Saturday—14th
Very warm. Attended school. Afternoon sat out for Norridgewock on foot, when arrived at the falls took the stage for 30 cents. Arrived at Major Sautell's about 4 o'clock. Had not been there long before Mr. Daniel Williams drove up from Augusta. What could be more pleasant than that, surely nothing, after having been away for a long time. All well at Augusta. No news.

Sunday—15th
Rainy. Attended meeting. Heard Rev. Holt preach. Took tea at Mr. ....

Monday—16th
Cold high winds. Mr. Williams took me in his chaise and brought me down to Bloomfield. Rode with him (after having shown him my boarding house) over to Mr. Holts where I departed after spending a little time there. He proceeded on homeward and returned to Deacon Kimball's. Attended school in the afternoon. Cool.

Tuesday—17th
Cold. Attended school. Wrote sister Abbie Dutch by Gilman. Miss Lucia Stewart spent part of the afternoon at Deacon Kimball's and took tea with them.

Wednesday—18th
Warm. Attended School.

Thursday—19th.
Rainy morning. Attended school. Afternoon quite pleasant.

Friday—20th
Very warm. Went down to the river about half a mile below the academy to bathe. Found the water quite too cold. Attended school. Noon walked with the ladies, accompanied by Mr. Jewett and Mr. I. B. Kinman. The ladies were the two Misses Steward's and Miss Kimball. Afternoon exceptionally warm.

Saturday—21st
Showers of rain during the last night. Walked over to Mr. Holt's. Called at Mr. Jewett's and did an errand for the Miss Steward. Attended school. Warm. Afternoon: Went out to Mr. Jewett's, and spent the afternoon very agreeably with them. The Miss Steward and Miss Kimball with Messrs. Delano, Jewett, Kinman and Smith, accompanied us out.

Mr. H. Allen came for us before night. Mr. Allen wished me to spend the night with them at Mr. Holt's, and I accordingly did.

Sunday—22nd
At Mr. Holt's. Warm. Walked to meeting. Heard Mr. Holt preach. Afternoon: contribution $20.00 collected. Returned to Deacon Kimball's. Went out to the academy to attend the singing society; found a considerable number convened.

Monday—23rd: June, 1817
Rainy. Attended school.

Tuesday—24th
Attended school.

Wednesday—25th
Went to Norridgewock to attend the Maine Missionary Society which convened at that place. Most of the ministers were there. Among whom I saw were Messrs. Gillet, Thurston, Kenderick, Loomis, Williams, Lovejoy, Jenks, Ellingwood, Sewall, Sewall, Sewall, Ingraham, Bayley, Belden, Ward, and Sawyer. Dined at Sqr. Sylvester's. Saw Uncle Jotham's wife. Returned to the meeting house and assisted in the singing; Mr. Ellingwood of Bath preached; Mr. Jenks made the first prayer; and Mr. Belden the closing prayer. A large assembly contribution, $70.00 collected for the benefit of the Maine Missionary Socity. Tea at Major Sautell's saw Mrs. Eveleth .... and Mrs. Gage. All well at home. Heard of the death of Mr. Ephriam Snow, a member of the Augusta Light Infantry. In consequence of the death, Mr. Tappan was prevented coming. Returned to Bloomfield.

Thursday—26th
Warm. Received a letter from Capt. P. W. Peck who insists on my being in Augusta to celebrate the Fourth of July, but I cannot with any sense of propriety. Attended school. Attended a lecture at the meeting house, heard Rev. Mr. Ward preach a very solemn and interesting discourse. Received a letter from sister Susan, which contained a very interesting intelligence from our friends at Penobscot. Had a very agreeable visit at Mr. Philbrick's, just over the falls.

Friday—27th
Rainy, attended school.

Saturday—28th
Afternoon walked over to Mr. Holt's with Mary Kimball and Miss Theodota Batchelor, students, took tea, they are to spend the night. I came home.

Sunday—29th
Attended meeting. The Rev. Mr. Holt delivered. Catechised at noon in the meeting house.

Monday—30th
Rainy. Messrs. George & Benjamin Smith set out for home on foot. I attended school. Received a blank book which I sent to Hallowell for, by Gillman.

July, 1817: Tuesday—1st
Wrote Capt. Beck—by Gillman. Attended school. Afternoon walked in company with a few young ladies out to a Mr. White's in Norridgewock, one mile from the falls, on the road to Madison. Had a very agreeable evening. Returned with some of the young ladies, and spent the night at a Mr. Colby's—relation to Miss Batchelor.

Wednesday—2nd
Attended school. Warm.

Thursday—3rd
Attended school. Quite warm. Afternoon Miss Batchelor came home with Miss Merry Kimball and myself, to spend the night with us. We had a very pleasant walk in the fields.

Friday—4th
Warm. Independence Day. No school. Miss Batchelor at Deacon Kimball's, which makes the time pass very agreeable. Miss Kimball and Miss Batchelor decorated my room quite in style with boughs. Spent the day at home. Read Mr. Tappan's sermon that was preached at Susan J. Cowan's funeral. Persuaded to treat two young ladies. Thus far, I have enjoyed the day as well as if I had been at a big celebration at Augusta. Is this a suitable time for me, or anyone else, to be spending one's time in glutting and eviling? I say, is this a suitable time for a fellow who ought to be preparing himself for eternity? By no means. If we have any money to spare let us devote it to some good cause, say, religion, to use as a means to reclaim poor souls from the jaws of destination. It is well enough to remember this day, but let it be done in a religious manner.

Saturday—5th: July, 1817
Attended school. Mr. Allen called to see me. We went down to the river to bathe. Warm.

Sunday—6th
Society meeting, at Mr. Holts church, led by Solomon Steward. But I went out to the falls where I heard the Preceptor. Quite a solemn discourse. Preaches from Ecclesiastics. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. Pretty full meeting.

Monday—7th
Attended school. Showery. The young men of the Academy formed themselves into a society for the purpose of improving the mind in literary work and religious knowledge. H. Allen, President, N. Tenny, Vice President, W. Sewall, Secretary, A. Delano, Treasurer. Attended monthly prayer meeting, tolerably interesting.

Tuesday—8th
Pleasant and warm.

Wednesday—9th
Attended school. High winds. Good air. Produce looks fine, except corn is backward.

Thursday—10th
Warm. Attended school.

Friday—11th
Attended school. Miss Batchelor spent the night at Deacon Kimball's. Evening a little rainy.

Saturday—12th
Attended school. Very warm. Went to the river and bathed.

Sunday—13th
Attended meeting, heard Rev. M. Holt.

Monday—14th
Went to Mr. Holt's and thence to the Academy. Went over to the River in company with Miss Theodota Batchelor and Miss Hannah White and walked up to Mr. Parker's. Had a very agreeable time. Miss Batchelor and Mary Kimball left the Academy. Pleasant.

Tuesday—15th
Wrote home to Sister Susan—Miss Batchelor bid adieu to us all. She took the stage for Hallowell (Maine) and expects to go by water to Haverhill (Mass.) The Academy is now deprived of a valuable scholar and the students an "intimate Friend." We all regret she could not stay a little longer. But no! She must go, yes, she is gone to her native shore, she has gone to her native friends—and perhaps we shall meet her again in this world—if not! Oh, may we all be so happy to meet her in a better world. Farewell, a short farewell. Attended school—dull, dull indeed. Mr. Allen entered for a short time.

Wednesday—16th
Very warm, so much so that I went to the school in my shirt sleeves.

Thursday—17th
Attended school.

Friday—18th
Attended school. Mr. and Mrs. Holt sat off for the westward. Bathed.

Saturday—19th
Attended school. Exceptionally warm.

Sunday—20th
Attended meeting. Heard Rev. Mr. Gillet who preached in exchange with Rev. Mr. Holt. Communion of the Church at the afternoon service, quite a solemn scene to a reflecting mind to be an eye witness to such an interesting event, the death of the Lord, Jesus Christ, set forth by bread and wine. I hope this event has been the means of solemnizing my careless mind. Oh, may I speedily renounce the things of this world, and become a true follower of that meek and lowly Jesus. But, oh, where am I—still in the awful state of darkness and stupidity. Yes, I fear, but happy I am to find myself not certainly thoughtless. Yes, I do feel at times the importance of having that great and necessary qualification—Religion. I do love to be alone that I may often reflect on my alarming situation. May I endeavor by the help of the Divine God

to pray in spirit and in truth. Oh Lord, teach me how to pray and what to pray for. Thunderstorms attended with a high wind, much rain, cooler.

Monday—21st: July, 1817

Attended school. Warm P. M. Mr. Hall and I went to town meeting held at Nyman schoolhouse for election of Lent. Took tea at Mr. Jewett's. Returned home.

Tuesday—22nd

Attended school, warm, heavy rainstorm.

Wednesday—23rd

Attended school. Cool. Heard from home. Miss Batchelor yet at Hallowell, expects to sail next Friday.

Thursday—24th

Attended school. Cool refreshing air. Mr. Means of Augusta passes here in the morning.

Friday—25th

Warm. Attended school. Bought a pair of thin shoes of Mr. Tenny.

Saturday—26th

Attended school and went into the water. Warm afternoon. Reading Society met at Deacon Kimball's. A considerable number attended. Went to Norridgewock with Gillman. Arrived at Major Sautell's where I spent the night.

Sunday—27th

Beautiful weather. Attended meeting at Norridgewock, heard Rev. Mr. Peet. Communion at his church. After service Sqr. Sylvester gave me an invitation to spend the remainder of the day and night which I accordingly did. Went to attend prayer meeting at meeting house.

Monday—28th

Warm. Arrived at Bloomfield in good season to attend the school.

Tuesday—29th

Attended school. Afternoon, after tea went out to Mr. R. Jewett's. Heavy thunder and lightening. Rather distant, very little rain here.

Wednesday—30th

At Mr. Jewett's. Very rainy. Attended school. Afternoon warm, but not much sun. Finished my quarter at the Academy. Tuition $250.

Thursday—31st

Set out for home about half past five on foot, arrived at Waterville about half past ten A. M. Here I stopped to rest, from thence I proceeded homeward, where I arrived about 6 o'clock P. M. Found them all well. As to myself rather fatigued, having walked about 34 miles.

August, 1817, Friday—1st

Feel considerably rested, spent the day in running about town. Feel rather fatigued with the burden of the day in doing nothing, the hardest work I have done for some time past.

Saturday—2nd

Went to Hallowell, saw Mr. Goodale and gave him the manuscript the Mr. Hall sent by me for him to publish. Evening—bathed.

Sunday—3rd

Attended meeting, Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. Warm.

Monday—4th

Very warm. Not anything very interesting has happened this day. Went to Hallowell. Wrote Miss B., of Haverhill, by mail. Purchased my Walker's Elocution, Johnson's—Large Dictionary and Murray's Large Grammar, to be paid the next winter or spring. Evening—Attended monthly Prayer Meeting at Rev. Mr. Tappan's. He was not present having set out for Boston, expects to be absent about eight or ten weeks. Mrs. T. went with him.

Tuesday—5th

Sat out about 6 o'clock with horse and chaise for Bloomfield. Arrived about noon at Capt. Poolen, where Miss Kimball teaches a town school. After dinner I proceeded on to Mr. Jewett's and arrived there about 5 o'clock. Miss Kimball accompanied me, here we spent the afternoon very pleasantly. Miss Walker and Mrs. Lane from the other side of the falls were there. After tea Miss Mary Jewett and Miss Kimball accompanied me to Deacon Kimball's where I put up for the night.

Wednesday—6th: August, 1817
Carried the young ladies to their respective places of abode. On my return trip Miss Hannah Jewett, niece of Mr. R. Jewett, and carried her to Norridgewock, called at the Academy on the way, things looked natural there. Called on Major Sautell's, saw Judge Weston and wife, Mrs. Col. Fuller, Mr. G. Williams and Mr. J. Childs. Called also at Mr. Sylvester's, dined at Rev. Mr. Peet's. Returned to Bloomfield. Settled my account with the Deacon K. I find myself indebted to him in the sum of $23.30. Took my trunk in my chaise and bid adieu to the family for the present. Returned to Mr. R. Jewett's and put up, rather fatigued with the labours of the day.

Thursday—7th
Sat out for home where I arrived about noon, found them all well. Called on Miss Kimball on my way home, also on Miss Stackpoles at Waterdale, were all well. Afternoon—helped father get in his hay—cool. Mr. Carry's father and sister, his daughter, called at my father's. Evening: Went to Hall Lowell's. Attended a lecture, heard an Episcopalian, great orator, and much celebrated for this as well as his orthordoxy. Much pleased. A very good crowd in attendance. Returned home by 10 o'clock.

Friday—8th
Mellow around my chamber—appearances of rain. Moved my desk and books home, into my chamber for the purpose of proceeding my studies.

Saturday—9th
Commenced reading Murray's Large Grammar. Rainy. Miss Elizabeth Davis, sister of John Davis, Esq. died, aged 59 years.

Sunday—10th
Pleasant. Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Robt. Page preached tolerable full meeting. Mr. Carry and myself went this evening to hear a lecture and heard a Methodist preacher in the Courthouse.

Monday—11th
Funeral of Miss Elizabeth Davis. Went over to the river. Drank tea at Mr. John Brooks. Pleasant weather.

Tuesday—12th
Rainy. Cousin Oliver from Chestervale called here, and is to spend the night.

Wednesday—13th
Sat out for Chesterville in Cousin Oliver's wagon. Met Uncle Jotham on our way. Arrived in Chesterville about 3 o'clock. Stopped at Uncle Jotham's awhile, and then went over to Cousin Oliver's farm where I put up. Drank tea with Cousin Jotham. All well.

Thursday—14th
At Cousin Oliver's. Very pleasant morning. Uncle Jotham Sewall and Mr. Smith came over, and dined at Oliver's. Took tea at Cousin Jotham's. Returned to Uncle Jotham's with Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Friday—15th
At Uncle Jotham's. After dinner went down to the pond and bathed. Found an abundance of lilies.

Saturday—16th
Sat out for home about 6 o'clock on foot from Augusta. Arrived at Fayette about 10, and put up at Mr. Craig's. Elias and myself went up to the pond and bathed. Sat out about three o'clock for home. Arrived in the evening. All well. Took tea at Dr. Hubbart's on my way. Warm.

Sunday—17th
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Page preached. Very warm. Brother Chas. published!

Monday—18th
Warm. Went to Hallowell. Saw Mr. Taddock Gillman* from Charleston, S. Carolina. Went to Mr. Gours. Saw Susan Parsons. Returned home.

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*Seventy-five miles Northeast of Augusta.

Tuesday—19th: August, 1817

Appearances of rain. Went to Hallowell. Called on Mr. Gillman and wife. All well. Returned home by ten o'clock. Sat out about 5 o'clock for Bath on foot. Arrived at Gardiner about dusk and put up at Uncle Thomas Sewall's.

Wednesday—20th

Very rainy morning. Nine o'clock little appearances of fair weather. Found an opportunity to go to Bath by water. Sat out a little past nine. A light breeze from the N. E. The tide met us down at the chasm so of course we had a very disagreeable time, indeed. Got very badly wet. Arrived at Bath about eight. Put up at a tavern. Rather fatigued.

Thursday—21st

At Bath. Paid my bill at the tavern 2/9. Went up and took breakfast with Mr. David Sewall. They are all tolerable well. Called on Rev. Mr. Jenks. Saw Mr. Lina Hyde and Mrs. Mehitable North. Dined with David S. Called on Miss L. Lithgow, took tea with Mrs. North. Returned to Mr. David Sewall's. I can find no opening in the several school districts in the place.

Friday—22nd

Pleasant. Went over to Wiscasset on foot. Dined at Mr. Jones Brook's. After dinner walked about two miles out of town near Mr. Coffin where I found an opening for a school. Partly engaged with one of the Committee (Mr. White) to teach school. Am to let him know when father goes to Wiscasset in September. He offers $17.00. Rather a large school, say 80. I put forward. Returned to Mr. Brooks.

Saturday—23rd

Sat out for Bath on foot where I arrived about 12 o'clock A. M. Dined with Mr. T. Hyde. After calling on a number of my old acquaintances I returned to Mr. David Sewall's, and took tea. After tea walked over to Mr. John Sewall's where I saw Geo. Hamlin from Augusta and his sister Anna, paying a visit in town. Returned to Mr. D. Sewall's.

Sunday—24th

Raining. At Mr. D. Sewall's. Attended meeting. Heard Mr. Robinson, tutor of Brunswick, who preached in the absence of Rev. Mr. Ellingwood. Took tea with Mr. T. Hyde. Attended a thin meeting at the North meeting house. The elders of that church returned to Mr. Hyde's. Cold, disagreeable storm.

Monday—25th

Pleasant, but rather cool. Wind N. W. Went out to Brunswick on foot. Dined at Mr. Peter O. Alden. Called on Mr. Thayer at Topshain. He carried me on a heighth of land called Mount Araratt. Here we have a fine prospect with glasses. Portland Observatory and many other places can be discovered from this summit. This hill consists of a large Stupendous rock, which has a small cave in it, the Eastern side the depth of which is unknown. If the trees which obstruct the eye should be removed and an observatory erected to this height of about 60 or 80 feet, I think this place would be very much noted for it's beautiful prospect. Returned to Mr. Alden's rather fatigued with my walk. Evening beautiful, fine moon, but the air is rather cool. Mr. A. willing for me to spend the night.

Tuesday—26th

Went to the college. Saw many of my acquaintances. Much pleased with their kind of life. Mr. Walker and myself called on Professor Abbott, who returned with us, and showed me their library which is quite extensive, and also their paintings which are quite elegant. These, I think, far exceed anything of the kind that I have ever before seen. Returned to Bath. Dined with Mr. T. Hyde. After dinner he showed me the portrait of Mrs. Hyde, who is deceased. Saw Mr. Milford P. Norton, who has lately established himself in this place with the view of studying law with Mr. Class. Returned to Mr. T. Hyde's and drank tea. Attended conference meeting.

Wednesday—27th

Very pleasant morning at Mr. Hyde's. Went up about two miles to see the Indians. Returned and dined with Mrs. North in company with Miss H. Gould, from Augusta, and Theodore Bridge from Brunswick College. Went to Mr. David Sewall's, and took tea. Spent the evening at Mrs. North's. Returned to Mr. D. Sewall's.

Thursday—28th: August, 1817

At Mr. D. Sewall's. Pleasant weather. Dined at Mr. Elsworth's who married a Trott. Went on board a schooner bound to Gardiner. She could not get any farther than the head of Swan Island on account of the wind leaving us.

Friday—29th

Left the schooner (after being half eaten up by the fleas). Went home where I arrived about 4 o'clock, P. M. All well. Received a letter from H. Allen. Attended the singing society in the room over the clerk's office.

Saturday—30th

Appearances of rain. Went over the river to see Brother Charles' farm. Dined with him at Mr. Samuel Gills. Prayer meeting.

Sunday—31st

Mr. Robert Page preached in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Tappan. Saw Mr. Harrison Allen at Meeting. Mr. R. Williams' youngest died. Warmer. Wrote a letter to Miss Theodota Batchelor. How cold and indifferent I have been this day to the cause of Religion. Very stupid. Oh, how long will I remain in this awful condition. Can I not, shall I not, seek those riches which come from above. Have I no care for my perishing soul. Oh, where am I, what am I doing? Oh, Thou Almighty and Most Merciful God, condescend, I beseech Thee, for the Lord Jesus sake to look down from Thy Holy habitation on me, a miserable and an unworthy worm in the dirt, in mercy. O Lord, change my vile heart, purify me of my drop and corruption, and enable me to become wise unto Salvation. Oh, may I have a realizing sense of my awful condition by nature of the awful depravity of my heart. May I speedily repent of my former transgressions and become devoted to Thee, who are Holy and Just God, rich and abundant in mercy. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness, according to Thy tender mercys blot out all my transgressions. Grant me, Oh Lord, a realizing sense of sin, and my own iniquity—forgive, Oh Lord, forgive. Let a Repenting Sinner live. What short sighted beings we all are by nature. No care for the soul—what have I brought to pass the last month, what have I done for the glory of God, and the salvation of others? Nothing. Why am I so long spared, why out of Hell? 'Tis because that God is infinite in mercy and slow to anger, and cannot I hope to mend—I hope I resolve to do better. But how long will that resolve continue. Oh, the inconsistency that I am hopeful of. Oh, may the Lord God keep me from straying any more from his command. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Deal not with me according to my discord, but Oh, bear me up as a monument of thy mercy. I confess that I have sinned, that I have done lost in thy sight. Let me not go till Thou has blessed me, tho' I am not in the least deserving of any of his mercy. Yet, for thy dear Son's sake, hear, Oh God, and grant answers of prayer, for Thou art able and ever ready. Make me willing, that I may come to Him for everlasting life. Forgive, Oh Lord, for what Thou has not been amiss—but should anything come up before then that may be acceptable let it be for the Lord Jesus' sake. Now unto Him that is able to keep me from falling, be predomenant power and glory forever and ever. How apt we are on God's Holy Day to be thinking of trifling things, of the things of the world, conversing to and from His house on things of business, when we ought to be reflecting on our own state, endeavoring to realize our own situation, of the importance of being prepared for death, judgment and eternity. Soon we must all leave this world, soon the Sabbath and other religious privileges will be at an end and we shall be in the grave. Let us then keep in view these things and learn the important lesson "Prepare to meet Thy God."

September, 1817: Monday—1st
Warm. Sat out at 11 o'clock for Bath via Brunswick in chaise with Mr. Harrison Allen. Arrived at Topsham Meeting House about half past seven o'clock and put out our horse to pasture. Proceeded to the College on foot, where we arrived about 9 o'clock, rather fatigued. Here our friends persuaded us to spend the night with them in College.

Tuesday—2nd
Set out at six o'clock for Bath where we arrived at Mr. Truman Allen's at eight. Here we took breakfast. Called on Mr. D. Sewall. All well here. Saw Mrs. Bridge and her daughter at Mrs. M. North's, and many other friends. As to myself, not very well, having been taken with a violent relaxation. I came from home, dined with Mr. D. Sewall. After dinner called again at Mrs. North's. Went with Miss North, Miss Trott, Mrs. Bridge and daughter and Mrs. North, accompanied by Mr. North to see the Indians gallanting. Drank tea at Mrs. Ellsworth's, who lately married a Trott. After the ladies went home, it being late, I went to a public house to lodge.

Wednesday—3rd
Went and took breakfast with Mr. Allen. After breakfast set out for Brunswick. Arrived there a little past ten. Fine day for commencement. Saw many of my friends and acquaintances. The procession moved at 11 from there to the Meeting House where I was much delighted with the performances. The services were introduced (before crowded assembly) with a very able prayer by the President. After the service saw Mr. and Mrs. Holt just returning from their journey, accompanied by Mrs. Peet and her mother. Dined with Mr. Pratt, one of the graduates, he being one of my acquaintances, and set out for home about 5. Took out horse at 5 and arrived home about 2 o'clock at night, very much fatigued. Mr. Allen lodged with me.

Thursday—4th
Very warm. Mr. Nathan Littlefield and cousin Mary Sewall came to my father's from Kennebec. Evening: Brother Charles married to Augustine Allen Esquire—I attended.

Friday—5th
Morning early went to Hallowell. Uncommonly warm for September. Not being well did not study much. Evening: carried Cousin Susan to Hallowell. Cousin Mary Sewall rode down with me. Went to Jno. Sewall's. Returned with Cousin Mary.

Saturday—6th
Rather cooler, in consequence of the heavy shower during the night. Went to Ladd's mill. Pursued my studies. Called in Mr. Cheever (who is studying with Mr. Tappan) to make an arrangement with him to hear me recite English once a day. Afternoon: Went to Gardiner with Mr. Allen with our horse and chaise. Evening: Attended prayer meeting. Rather cool air.

Sunday—7th
Cool. Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Page preached for Mr. Tappan. Chas. Williams child prayed for, being in a very low state of health.

Monday—8th
Warm. Father set out for Wiscasset, nearly noon, with horse and chaise. Expected to take in at Hallowell. He expects a considerable time in Edgecomb with his brother. Began to recite with Mr. Cheever, who is at Rev. Mr. Tappan's. Brother Charles' wife and her sister spent the afternoon here at father's. Spent the evening with Mrs. Seth Williams very agreeably. Saw Miss Hannah Jewett from Bloomfield, Miss Sarah Sautell from Norridgewock and Miss Julia Myrick from Newcastle. These young ladies are boarding with Mrs. Williams and attending the Academy. Returned home a little past 10 o'clock.

Tuesday—9th
Warm.

Wednesday—10th
Very warm. Cousin J. Crosby and wife

from Bangor arrived at father's. All well as usual in that quarter. Singing Society meets at Country house.

Thursday—11th: September, 1817
Warmer. Letters from Mr. H. Allen, Norridgewock, and Cousin Jotham Sewall, Chesterville. Mr. Acherman Olney preached in the meeting house.

Friday—12th
Heavy showers attended with thunder and lightning during the last night. Morning very rainy. Nine o'clock parade with the Light Infantry in full uniform. Evening: We had a very good day. The storm having subsided at 11 or 12 o'clock. Rather fatigued with the labours of the day. Father returned from Wiscasset at 11 o'clock A. M. Cousin James and wife went to Gardiner.

Saturday—13th
Pleasant, but very windy. Again appeared in uniform with the Company at 9 o'clock in the morning. There were about 22 members that did duty. Sergeant Barton carried the standard. Evening: Attended the prayer meeting. Rev. Mr. Thurston present.

Sunday—14th
Cool. Assisted Mr. Cheever in conducting his Sunday School, it being his wish. We had nearly 20 scholars. Attended the meeting; took charge of the boys that sat upstairs and belong to the school. Rev. Mr. Thurston preached in exchange with Rev. Mr. Robert Page who is still preaching here for Mr. Tappan.

Monday—15th
Appearances of rain. Went to Fayette to borrow Lt. Craig's lash. Returned by 6 o'clock P. M.

Tuesday—16th
Very rainy. Regimental review and inspection of the first Regiment at Hallowell is postponed until Monday in consequence of the inclemency of the weather. The Light Infantry had paraded but dismissed and divided to appear in due form. Went to Hallowell on foot accompanied by Rufus C. Vose.

Wednesday—17th
Pleasant weather. Went with father in uniform to attend a Regimental Review at Greene accompanied by Major Dutch and Page. Arrived at Green about noon. Went on soon after dinner. Set off about 4 o'clock for Winthrop Mills. Arrived there about eight. Here we all put up.

Thursday—18th
Rainy. At 10 o'clock, the rain having subsided, father had concluded to go over to Reafield and review that regiment. Arrived there about noon. Major having lamed his horse, returned home from Winthrop Mills. When on the field Lt. Col. Farrill of the Cavalry filled his place. This Regiment appeared much better than it did the last year. Returned home by half past six in the evening, rather fatigued. Rev. Mr. Tappan returned yesterday in good health. Cousin Jotham and a neighbor called and spent the night with us.

Friday—19th
Cousin Jotham returned home. Mr. Albert Delan from Bloomfield Academy called on me. He is now on his way home. Does not expect to return to Bloomfield at present. Mr. Jackson from Hampden Institution called here, and will stop the night with us. Walked to Hallowell. Got my breast plate guilded at Mr. Dole's, price 9/6.

Saturday—20th
Mr. Cony having finished his school in this place is desirous of going home. I proposed to carry him as far as Monmouth in the chaise. Arrived there about noon. He proceeded home on foot. I returned home at half past six. A little rainy.

Sunday—21st
Warm and pleasant. Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached.

Monday—22nd
A most delightful day. Our Company arrived on the line by nine o'clock, which was a good season. The Regiment was formed

in Hallowell Street, marched up to Kinkley's field. Noon: Col. Fuller gave the officers of the regiment an invitation to dine at his market. We all fared pompously. Very large number of spectators in the afternoon. The line was broken up by five o'clock. Lt. Hamlin marched the Company home. Very much fatigued. Mr. Cony arrived from Turner.

Tuesday—23rd: September, 1817

Rainy. Cony returned home. I engaged to write for Squire Hovey for 18 dollars per month. Afternoon: Very rainy. Wrote in the office.

Wednesday—24th

Attended to my writing. Warm. Recited in grammar to Mr. Cheever.

Thursday—25th

Wrote in the office. Received a letter from Mr. Cony. Very pleasant.

Friday—26th

Martha Cony, daughter of Col. Cony, aged 12 years, while passing over the ferry with some of her school mates, and there being some ungovernable horses on the boat, went a little back of the horses, and in order to get out of their way, accidentally fell overboard and was drowned! There was no boat to be had on the opposite shore to go to her in this distressing time. She sunk three times in the presence of a large number of people on the opposite shore, but none could get to her in season to rescue her. But on the third rising she sunk, to be seen no more! Went in pursuit of the body in boats and grapples hooks. Spent most of the day in doing this. A large number of people have been employed in the same pursuit, but did not find her. Such awful and sudden death—is enough to remember us of our own mortality. Pray we all learn from this bereavement. Be Ye All ready. Susan sat for Bath in a boat with Mrs. North and her son, Joseph. Afternoon: Preparatory lecture. I did not attend, being engaged in searching for the body of Martha Cony.

Saturday—27th

Pleasant, but high wind in the Southeast. Wrote in the office half day. Walked with Mr. Samuel Greeley, who is in Squire Hovey's office, over the other side of the river and on round the square, which we found very pleasant—returned by dusk. In consequence of the high winds there has been no search for the body of Martha Cony. Evening: Attended prayer meeting. A considerable number assembled. Mr. Ebenezer B. Williams here, with the expectation to spend the night.

Sunday—28th

Pleasant, but cool. Attended Sunday school as an assistant to Mr. Cheever. Attended meeting and heard Mr. Tappan preach. Communion of his church. Tarried in during this service. Afternoon: Mr. Tappan preached from Proverbs 6:1—Boast not thy self to-morrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Mr. Tappan preached in a very solemn and affecting manner. The late awful death led him to preach on this subject. But soon now such subjects pass from the mind like an idle tale. We set and hear them and appear to be affected and somewhat solemnized and alarmed, and as soon as we get into the world all our former sins remain unrepented of, and we again take to the same course of an irreligious life. Perhaps we may be affected for a considerable time, by these repeated warnings, but that soon wears off, and we become more hardened in sin which makes our case more deplorable and awful. Oh! may I endeavor to keep in mind my own frailty and my awful exposure to the wrath of God and eternal misery. Surely there are motives enough to draw me from sin if I will but reform. But one thing is certain, man being of such a nature and his propensity to do evil being so strong, that it becomes necessary for the Almighty God to exercise him by the influence of Divine Grace, which enables him to return from sin, viewing himself a lost rebellious sinner, at the feet of Jesus is made to accept eternal salvation at set forth in the Gospel. Such is the deplorable state of all the human race. Oh! may I be brought to see mine own deplorable, wretched, and sinful state, may I see the deep depravity of mine own heart, of the deceitfulness of sin, in its very worse state, and of mine own inability to serve God Almighty. When experiencing these things, then may I fall at the feet of Jesus, and ask for pardon and forgiveness. Laying aside all of the weapons of mine rebellion and take the Lord Jesus Christ to be mine mediator and benefactor. May I be humble in the dust under all these considerations and cry, unclean—unclean. This I really hope will be my case soon. Yes, heed me, teach me, O! God, the right way, that I may ponder in the path of virtue, may I flee from the wrath to come. May I look forward to the eternal world, and then learn how to die.

Monday—29th: September, 1817
Pleasant. Attended to my business at the office, and father wishes me to accompany him to Fairfax as an aide in the room of Major D—. Wrote to sister Susan by Squire Hovey. Afternoon: Town meeting for the choice of representative to Congress. Father and I sat out for Fairfax, he in the chaise and I on his horse. Arrived at Deacon Soule's at Vasalborough about dusk. Put up.

Tuesday—30th
At Vassalborough. Set out for the parade about eight. Halted within a mile this side of the parade. We put up at Squire Washburn's. Cavalry escorted on to parade about 12 o'clock. Major Robert Fletcher having made provision for the office, we accordingly took dinner there. Set out for home about three, and arrived at dark. Just in time to hear Mr. Alney preach a lecture in the Courthouse. A large number collected. Received a letter from Miss T. Batchelor.

October, 1817: Wednesday—1st
Heavy frost during the last night. Cold morning. At home in forenoon. Afternoon wrote at Squire Hovey's office. Supreme Judicial court, now setting in this place. Wilde, Judge. Evening: Attended conference meeting at Rev. Mr. T.

Thursday—2nd
At the office all day. Morrison, who was arrested in the spring for attempting to shoot his wife, has been tried before this court and has received the sentence accordingly, on four years hard labor and fifteen days in prison.

Friday—3rd
Received a letter from sister Susan, who is at Bath. Wrote in the office. Evening: At Mrs. Capt. Seth Williams.

Saturday—4th
At home writing for father. Evening: Attended prayer meeting at Mrs. Woods'.

Sunday—5th
Attended Sunday School. Mr. Cheever and Mr. Cony assisted me. Attended meeting. The Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. Mrs. Daniel Stone prayed for, being in very low state of health. Wrote Miss B., Haverhill, by mail. (Sweetheart).

Monday—6ht
Warm—wrote for father. Evening: Attended monthly prayer meeting at Rev. Mr. Tappan's. A considerable number convened on this occasion. I was much pleased with accounts received at this meeting. What can be more interesting than to hear of sinners flocking to the blessed Jesus. Oh! may I go to him for mercy and salvation, that I may live?

Tuesday—7th
Rainy. At home writing for father.

Wednesday—8th
Cool and pleasant. Mrs. Stone died, aged 59. Wife of Nathaniel Stone, Esq. At home writing and studying.

Thursday—9th
Cold. Afternoon: Wrote for Hovey. Recited in grammar for Cheever.

Friday—10th
Squally and cold. Wrote for Hovey. Af-

ternoon: attended the funeral for Mrs. Stone. Evening: wrote sister Susan by mail. Recited to Cheever. Wrote Mary Kimball by mail carrier.

Saturday—11th: October, 1817
The body of Martha Cony at the lower Eastern river bridge brought to Judge Cony's this morning, very much altered, no natural features to be discovered. She was intombed in the tomb of Judge Cony's about noon, without any funeral ceremony except what Judge Cony prepared himself. I went down into the tomb and there witnessed the remains of Susan J. Cony, and oh! what a spectacle of a human form, mouldering away to dust and corruption. I was sincerely struck with this awful scene. How humiliating to see one of our human race returning to mother earth, that fair form once arrayed with all its gaiety, once looked upon with pleasure, once a power of attraction, but now nothing but a mass of corruption, a heap of blackness. I cannot now endure the sight of her I once so admired. Nothing to be seen but the decaying frame. Truly her last dying words are verified in the ovation "The worms are feeding on me." Returned much affected with this scene of mortality and human frailty. Oh! Lord God, may I be suitably humbled in view of myself when witnessing anything that reminds me of my own nothingness and frailty. Afternoon: Went to Squire Hovey's. Evening: Attended prayer meeting. Very cool.

Sunday—12th
Pleasant and much warmer, but cold during the last night. Attended the meeting. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. Mr. Stone, Mrs. J. Church and Charles Williams had each a note on account of the death of Mrs. Stone last week. Did not attend the Sunday School, there being so few the last Sabbath. Mr. Cheever having returned from Bloomfield, we both thought one would answer. Accordingly he went.

Monday—13th
Wrote for Hovey in the evening. Recited English for Cheever.

Tuesday—14th
In Hovey's office. Father set off for Thomastown early to attend the ordination tomorrow. Went to Hallowell, accompanied by Mr. Samuel Greeley. Evening: In my study at home. Recited grammar to Mr. Cheever.

Wednesday—15th
Wrote for Hovey half a day. Received news this day of the death of George North, who died at Baltimore, Maryland. Evening: Attended conference meeting.

Thursday—16th
Cold. In Hovey's office. Evening: Recited in grammar to Cheever.

Friday—17th
Wrote for Squire Hovey all day. Evening: Passed to Mr. Cheever. Father returned from ordination. Came by way of Bath and took sister Susan. She is as well as can be expected.

Saturday—Finished writing for Squire Hovey. Received my wages, amounting to $9.00. Evening: Attended prayer meeting.

Sunday—19ht
Attended Sunday School. Mr. Carey present. Attended meeting. Heard the Rev. Mr. Tappan. Luke 13:23-24. Cold.

Monday—20th
At home in my study. Spoke for a pair of shoes at Doyns' shop.
evening: At home.

Tuesday—21st
In my study. Brother Charles' wife here. Wrote Gen. John Crosby by Mr. Cheever, who is to start in the morning for Hampden. Evening: home in my study.

Wednesday—22nd
Morning: went to Hallowell. Studied. Female Bible Society convened at our house. Evening: attended conference at Rev. Mr. Tappan's. Received a letter from Harrison Allen, by the hand of Mr. Alden. Cousin Daniel Sewall of Gardiner spent the night with me.

Thursday—23d: October, 1817
Cousin Daniel went home before breakfast. Attended to my studies. Very pleasant.

Friday—24th
Thick, hazy weather. Received my shoes from the shoemaker. Chandler Vose and myself went in the chaise to Mr. Vernon to visit Samuel Greeley. Arrived about dusk. Stopped at Reedfield corner and attended a lecture of the Baptist—heard Elder Houghton, also saw four adults baptised after their form. I am a little surprised that they should lay quite so much stress on this ordinance, for it would seem to a stranger, that they really worshipped it. I will admit it to be an ordinance of great reverence, but not to be an idol of.

Saturday—25th
At Mr. Noah Greeley's, Mt. Vernon. Spent the forenoon rambling about the orchard, etc. I am much pleased with the life of the farmer. They have a plenty of everything, both "straw and fodder." However, my fondness for good society is yet too dear to be relinquished, for the farmer is out in the wood, remote from the circle of sweet friends. They, I suppose, enjoy their rough kind of style, equally as well as the more refined style to the man of the city. There is this advantage the farmer has over the city gentleman from the city, he being retired from the clamour of numbers and noise of many, can enjoy more real reflection, if disposed, he living by himself is not ensnared by the many evils and temptations that beset those who move in large circles, and hence, I should be fond of the farmer's life. But, on the other hand, he cannot always enjoy those valuable religious privileges which are to be found in a settlement of any note. However, in a whole, the farmer, with religion, is the most happy of all the family of mankind. Afternoon: Friend Greeley, having loaded us up with apples, the best fruit his farm affords him, and having been treated in a very civil manner, we set out for home. Arrived at 9 P. M. Received a letter from Mr. Albert Delano. Evening: Attended prayer meeting at Father's.

Sunday—26th
Attended meeting. Heard Rev. Mr. Ellingwood. Afternoon: Rev. Mr. Gillet exchanged with Ellingwood. Rev. Mr. Tappan at Bath. Sent W. Delano's clarionett by Rev. Mr. Ellingwood. Not being very well, did not attend Sunday School.

Monday—27th
Rainy. Went to Gardiner with horse and chaise. Very muddy. Received a letter from W. Tenny and Miss Mary Kimball, Bloomfield, by the hand of Capt. Jewett. Afternoon: At home.

Tuesday—28th
Pleasant. Engaged in cutting wood at my father's. Afternoon: Went to Hallowell. Evening: Went before Rev. Mr. Tappan for examination, relative to keeping town's school. He, being satisfied, gave me a certificate.

Wednesday—29th
Very cold. Mr. Alden and myself went to Hasler in chaise as far as Jasper C. Washburn's. Partly engaged to keep the town school in the district near Squire Washburn's. Shall know the first of next week whether I go, or not. My terms $16.00 per month. Returned home by 7 o'clock, rather fatigued.

Thursday—30th
A little warmer. At home. Wrote friend Carey of Turner, by mail.

Friday—31st
At home. Engaged in concerns round about the house, tinkering, etc.

November, 1917: Saturday—1st
Rainy. At home. Not doing much, being rather heavy-hearted about the concerns of this life. All is blue devils. Evening: attended prayer meeting at Mrs. Wood's. Received my pantaloons which Mrs. Wood has been making.

Sunday—2nd
Snowstorm. Wind N. E., very cold. Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. Communion of the church. Thin meeting. Attended Sunday School.

Monday—3rd: November, 1817
Snowstorm. There is now about 3 inches of snow. Went to Gardiner with horse and sleigh. Tolerable good for this time of year. Bought Walter's Dictionary of Mr. Goodale—$3.50. Wrote Mr. Tenny by Mr. Alden, Bloomfield. Attended monthly prayer meeting. Rather thin meeting.

Tuesday—4th
Pleasant. Mr. Alden, with our horse, set out for Norridgerock. Wrote Miss B.* of Haverhill. Spent the evening at Mr. Captain Williams, very pleaasntly. Found it rather bad walking.

Wednesday—5th
Pleasant morning, but cold. At home in my study.

Thursday—6th
Appearances of rain. Afternoon: warm. Evening: Removed to the office in the county house where I formerly kept. Rufus C. Vose and myself are attending to our studies preparatory to keeping school in the winter. Have been informed that they will not give more than $14.00 at Harlen, therefore I will not go.

Friday—7th
Attended to study in my study, in my room at the office. Friend Vose with me. Very warm weather. Mr. Alden returned with the horse. Evening: Called at sister Abbey's. She has a fine little daughter named Caroline. Wrote Rev. Mr. Holt, Bloomfield.

Saturday—8th
Warm. In the office. Mr. Greely of Mt. Vernon here. His health is much better. Afternoon: saw Miss Hannah Jewett, student at Miss Aldrich's Academy. She will return to Bloomfield on Tuesday next, by whom I can send letter if ready. Evening: Prayer meeting at father's. I attended.

Sunday—9th
Attended meeting. Heard Rev. Mr. Tappan. Attended Sunday School.

Monday—10th
In my study.

Tuesday—11th
Went to Gardiner. Wrote to Miss Kimball, Bloomfield. Attended a little to my studies. Very busy with our country merchants, who are importing their goods. The farmers are very busily engaged in preparing ground for the ensuing winter. Heard of the death of Mr. Amos Wheeler, one of the firm of Cowan & Wheeler, formerly of this place. He was one of my intimate acquaintances. He died at, or near, Cincinnati, of a fever.

Wednesday—12th
At the office, not doing much. Went over the river and agreed with Mrs. Wood to turn my garment. No meeting this evening in consequence of the inclemency of the weather.

Thursday—13th
Cold and pleasant. Went to Hallowell with father's horse and chaise. Brought up Susan who was at Hallowell. Afternoon: went to Hallowell again on horse back and returned by the way of Lewis Hamlin's. Engaged the school near Mr. Hamlin's for two months, perhaps more, at $15.00 per month.

Friday—14th
Still continued cold. In the office with Judge Weston. Studying. Evening: At home.

Saturday—15th
Rain. At the office studying. Afternoon: Very rainy. Evening: Prayer Meeting at father's. I attended.

Sunday—16th
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Gillet preached in exchange with Rev. Mr. Tappan. Attended the S. S. as usual. Cold wind from N. W.

Monday—17th
Appearances of a storm. Capt. Jos. Gage sat out for Washington, he being the representative for this District. Went over to Brother Chas. Evening: At home.

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Tuesday—18th: November, 1817
Very rainy. At home, pursuing studies.

Wednesday—19th
Pleasant weather after so severe a rain storm. Went with Mr. Wingate out to the widow Sanford's. Very bad weather. Sold my sheep to Mr. W. at 10/ per head. Saw Mr. Guild on my return, who informs me that the people in that district have concluded to have three months school, and wish me to keep it. They make no objections to my terms, viz., $15.00. Shall commence the last of this month or the first of January. Evening: attended conference meeting. Rev. Mr. Tappan absent.

Thursday—20th
At home. Evening: attended a meeting of the Singing Society held at the Register office.

Friday—21st
Settled with Mr. Wingate. Went to Hallowell with horse and chaise. Carried Miss Ann Bond. Exchange my Walker's Dictionary for a larger one, called the Englishbank Classical Dictionary, with Mr. Goodale. I am to pay $3.50 difference. Evening: at home.

Saturday—22nd
Very gentle snow storm, which commenced about noon. Received my surtout* from Mrs. Wood's. Evening: Prayer meeting at Father's. A considerable convened. Very snowy.

Sunday—23rd
Pleasant. About one inch of snow on the ground. Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. Also attended Sunday School, which is now held at Mr. North's house. 23 attended. Mr. Cheever and Mr. D. assisted. Rev. Mr. Tappan visited to the school in the afternoon. He entertained me very agreeably with his pious instruction to the little students, and they seemed to listen with some considerable attention. How much might be done if pious and engaged Christians would call and be familiar with our little children who come every Sabbath to us for instructions. How much we stand in need of their prayers and endeavors to aid and assist us in so great an important an object.

Monday—24th
Cold. The ice made a little in he Kennebec River. Evening: very cold. Mr. and Mrs. Eveleth, Mrs. Sol Vose and Miss Abbott drank tea at our house.

Tuesday—25th
Warm. Singing Society met at the county house. I attended.

Wednesday—26th
Very pleasant. Afternoon went to Gardiner with Miss Jewett, with father's horse and chaise. Returned by dark. Evening: Attended conference at Rev. Mr. Tappan's.

Thursday—27th
Cold night. Evening at Capt. Gage's.

Friday—28th
Attended to studies. Evening: Singing Society met at Rev. Mr. Tappan's.

Saturday—29th
Attended prayer meeting at Father's.

Sunday—30th
Attended meeting, Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. Also attended Sunday School.

December, 1817: Monday, 1st
Appearances of rainstorm. Evening attended the Singing Society at the office.

Tuesday—2nd
Attended to studies, evening at the office of Fuller with Mr. Cobb's. High winds, and very dark with much rain. The ice broke up.

Wednesday—3rd
Pleasant. Studying. Evening attended the Singing Society.

Thursday—4th
Public day of Thanksgiving throughout this State. Remarkably pleasant weather for the month. Our singing is said to have been very good at the meeting house. Con-

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*A close-tfiting top coat.

tribution for the benefit of the State Hospital in Boston—$27.00 collected. Evening at Mr. Bridge's. Saw Theodota Batcher.*

Friday—5th: December, 1817
Colder. The ice makes a little in the Kenebec River. Evening at home. Wrote Miss B.

Saturday—6th
Attended to studies in the office. Received a letter from a friend, Mr. Allen, by Mr. Tenny. Mr. T. took tea with me. All well at Bloomfield. Evening: prayer meeting at father's. Father not yet home from Portland. My turn to patrol. Rufus C. Vose, my classmate, supper at his mother's. Very cold.

Sunday—7th
Very pleaant, but I feel very much fatigued. Attended meeting in the forenoon only.

Monday—8th
Very pleasant, but I feel very much fatigued. the river. Circuit Court of the Common pleas set in town.

Tuesday—9th
Went over the river at Judge Bridge's in the evening with Mr. Cheever and Mr. Williams.

Wednesday—10th
Snow storm. Evening at home.

Thursday—11th
Snow storm. Studying at the office. Spent eve at home.

Friday—12th
Snow storm continues with much gentleness. Father returned from Portland much fatigued.

Saturday—13th
About 4 inches of snow has fallen. Attended prayer meeting at Mr. B.

Sunday—14th
Moderate with hail and rain. Attended meeting and Sunday School. Rev. M. Tappan preached.

Monday—15th
Attended to studies. Very rainy. Rather rough travelling. Attended to studies.

Tuesday—16th
Good weather again. Rather rough traveling. Went to Hallowell.

Wednesday—17th
At the office. Went to Hallowell. Conference meeting.

Thursday—18th
At the office.

Friday—19th
Engaged about home. Weather pleasant.

Saturday—20th
Very pleasant. Got pretty much ready to enter my task, viz. school keeping, on Monday next. Prayer meeting at father's.

Sunday—21st
Snow storm, very violent. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached in the Court House. Attended Sunday School.

Monday—22nd
Entered my school. Found about 25 to 30 scholars. Occupied the forenoon mostly in arranging the school. Very cold. Boarding at Squire Guile's. Afternoon: the school being under a little organization I proceeded to instructing them in the several branches taught in a school of this kind. Evening at Mr. Guile's. Very much fatigued with the labours of the day.

Tuesday—23rd
Attended to my duties as an instructor of youth. I open and close this school by reading a portion of scripture to the scholars. They, I find in general, tolerably foreward in the several branches. My number of scholars has increased this day to 40. I find it a great task to keep school. At times I am almost discouraged. I shall endeavor to do my duty in every respect.

Wednesday—24th
Attended to my school. Afternoon: my scholars, I begin to find, are much inclined to roguery. Consequently, I have much to

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try my patience. However, I think that nothing is better than a good whip mixed with authority and applied by severity. Dismissed my school until Friday. Mr. Tappan passing by my school house as I came out, gave me a ride home. Attended camp meeting at Mr. Rogers.

Thursday—25th: December, 1817
Very rainy. CHRISTMAS. Did not go to Gardiner as I had contemplated last evening in consequence of the bad weather. Spent the day in rambling around town. Called on brother Charles. He carried me out to Mr. Guile's in the evening, with father's horse and sleigh. A considerable part of the snow was wasted away in the morning.

Friday—26th
At Mr. Guile's. Attended school. The number of scholars about the same.

Saturday—27th
Kept school. Most of my scholars recited lessons in the catechism. All have agreed to learn this leaf by the next Saturday. Paid Mrs. Wood $3.00. At noon went home from the school to dinner. I now begin to be a little pleased and have become somewhat attached to my new employment, but it is a great task to keep a school. One needs all the patience of Job. Evening: attended prayer meeting at Mr. Rogers.

Sunday—28th
Attended S. S. A little snow fell on the morning. Went to meeting. Mr. Emerson preached in exchange with Mr. T. Mr. Emerson is preaching at Vassalborough—in a mission. Walked out to my boarding house at Mr. David Craig's for this week.

Monday—29th
At Mr. Craig's. Gentle snow. Kept school.

Tuesday—30th
Warm. Attended to my school. Afternoon, part of the general visiting committee; viz: Mr. Tappan, Mr. Lewis Hamlin, and Mr. D. Craig. The Rev. Mr. Tappan examined my school, heard the school classes recite. Drank tea at Mr. Lewis Hamlin's. Evening: Rev. Mr. Tappan preached a lecture at the school house. I returned to the Mr. D. Craig's after meeting.

Wednesday—31st
Kept school. The number of scholars is now 48. I find my task considerably increased, but I hope it will be beneficial both to my scholars and to myself. Evening: What an interesting season, this night, to us fellow mortals. A few hours more and this year, this month, and this day, will be finally closed—closed forever. Let us examine ourselves? What are we, and how do ourselves stand? Is the credit equal to the value received? sin lies in abundance at our door. We are already condemned by the Lord. How unfit are we to enter on the New Year, enter did I say? Perhaps the fatal dart of death is already aimed at us, perhaps the destroying angel is already entering our door! Oh! How unfit are we to enter the eternal world. No God, No Saviour to cheer us through the gloomy shades of eternal death. Oh, may I be speedily prepared to meet my Judge, even this night, if it be his will that I should be called on him ere another rising sun, but let me consider—What has become of all those hasty resolutions that I made in setting out oath beginning of this year? I can only say they are all vanished, gone, broken—quite as soon as they were resolved. Therefore let me heed how I am and conduct the future—but remembering that from the conduct of the last year, I must render up a solemn account to the Almighty Judge of the quick and dead, on that awful day, Journal finished at Augusta, at Mr. D. Craig's, two miles from the settlement.*

January, 1818: Thursday—1st
At Mr. Davis Craig's. Kept school. About 49 scholars attended my school. Dined this day upon roast goose and plum pudding. So much, I gain, in the school master line.

Saturday—3rd
Warm and pleasant. Afternoon went home.

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*Abridgement commences with this date.

Paid Mrs. Wood $2.00, being the full amount against me.

Sunday—4th: January, 1818
Cold. Went to Sunday School. Mrs. Craig admitted into the Church. Her children baptised in the afternoon. Mr. Tappan preached a very appropriate and solemn address, suited to the present occasion. Twenty-two of the inhabitants of this place have died since the commencement of last year. Who, and what number will die this year? God only knows. How important it is that we be on our watch for we know not hour of our departure. Evening: Walked out to my boarding house by the way of Mr. Haskell's. Spent the night at Mr. Craig's.

Monday—5th
Went to my school.

Tuesday—6th
Kept. school.

Wednesday—7th
Attended to my duties as schoolmaster.

Thursday—8th
Kept school.

Friday—9th
Went to my school and then I found that I could not get along without a stricter discipline—consequently I laid down my rules, but some of the large scholars did not feel willing to come under the regulations, and have this day while out of school threatened to injure me as I have just heard from a friend to the school.

Saturday—10th
The several gentlemen from the District, having heard of the many threats, and of the disturbances to my school, thought it fit to call on me at my school this morning to inquire into the disturbance—I was very happy to have them at this season. While they were present I proceeded to make inquiries of the many threats, but all were promptly denied before all of the gentlemen. Not having sufficient proof of the subject I did not attempt to bring him in the lie, but laid down my rules again before the gentlemen, that they might know what they were, and then turned to the ringleaders of rebellion and gave them a lesson full of meaning. After school a number of, my scholars, I have been told, would have attended to any thing that I might wish to know relative to this circumstance, but I, at that time, was not knowing to that circumstance, or what I would have done, could I have known it. However, I am determined that the thing shall be inquired into on Monday.

Sunday—11th
Attended meeting. Mr. Gillet preached.

Monday—12th
Removed to Mr. Hamlin's for the week.

Tuesday—13th
Attended to my school. 52 scholars! Brother Charles came out to my school-house and wished me to go to the river. Went with him and returned to Hamlin's the same day.

Wednesday—14th
At school.

Thursday—15th
Attended school. My task I find is very great. Have the care of 52 scholars. Capt. Thos. Gage and wife called on me at Mr. Hamlin's.

Friday—16th
Attended school. Wrote Miss B. by mail. Reading History of last war.

Saturday—17th
Birthday. How solemn, but interesting is this blessed morning to me. The anniversary of my birthday. 21 years have already passed, and gone, never to be recalled, and what amount have they borne of me to Heaven? Tales that I shall not be able to hear on that dreadful day. The day of Judgment. This day I am free from my father's family. No more I consider myself dependent on him for sufficiency in life. He has already done much, very much for me. Nourished me while a helpless infant, clothed and protected me, under the wings of paternal affection. Placed me un-

der instruction to whom I am indebted for my education. Also I am thankful to him for these kindnesses, I trust I am. May the blessings of heaven shower down in rich abundance on the United heads of this family. My affectionate mother, and tender mother was snatched too early by the cold hand of Death to see her sons settled or free. I fondly hope she is happy. Seventeen years have elapsed since I followed her to her lonely mansion. A little more than a half a score has elapsed since I trust she began her heavenly song to the Adorable Saint. May the God of all grace help me in my strength and endeavors. Crown them with success. Prosper me in this year also. But above all may He convince and convert me of my sins and prepare me for a future, but better world. Keep school. Evening: attended prayer meeting at my father's.

Sunday—18th: January, 1818
Attended Sabbath school. Rev. Thurston preached. After meeting Mr. Thurston returned to Wnithrop. I went to Mr. Hamlin's with him in the sleigh.

Tuesday—20
Kept school. Attended lecture at Mr. Ladd's house. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached.

Wednesday—21st
Went to school. Catechised the children. Went down to the settlement with Mary Hamlin and attended conference meeting held at Mr. Tappan's. Returned by half past nine. Cold.

Thursday—22nd
At my school house.

Friday—23rd
Attended to duty. Evening commenced reading a manuscript lately from St. Helena, supposed to have been written by Bonaparte.

Saturday—24th
Kept school half a day. Catechised the children. P. M. at Mr. Hamlin's. Snow storm. Returned home. Found Malinda Crosby at father's, from Hampden—Penobscot—all well in that quarter. Great alteration in my friend Malinda, she having lately embraced religion during the late revival last summer. Religion alone is capable of rendering us happy here and hereafter. Oh! may I be a true professor of this blessing.

Sunday—25th
Meeting held in the courthouse. Rev. Mr. T. preached a very solemn and interesting discourse from the following words, "Agree with thine adversary quickly while thou art in the way with Him." Attended the Sabbath School notwithstanding the severity of the weather. The children came as usual. Religious instruction, but oh, may they be so eager to obtain eternal salvation, oh may they prepare through the storm and will do of Satan and the trials of the fleeting storm—and fall prostrate at the feet of Jesus and cry for mercy. Oh! most Merciful God, teach them in the ways of salvation, discover to them their corrupt hearts. Oh! God open their eyes of understanding that they may see their vile hearts which are full of rebellion to Thee. Are not their souls precious in Thy sight? Rear them up as monuments of Thy mercy, and not monuments of Thy Wrath. How unfit I am, being a sinner, to be engaged in so important a cause. What blessing can there be expected when, with such a wicked heart as mine, it should attempt to moralize these youth. I cannot give them any religious instructions from my heart! Oh, wicked man that I am, how awful is this responsibility. Oh, what a solemn account I have to render up to God at the judgment of Christ. Oh God, I beseech of Thee, discover to me the depravity of my own heart, that I may see my own insufficiency to you in and out before these children—look not down upon me in Thy Wrath, but oh, remember me in mercy. Turn thou me of God and I shall be turned. Draw thou me in mercy and I shall run after Thee. Evening: Walked out to Mr. Hamlin's. Arrived there in the edge of the evening. Feel a considerable degree of solemnity in view of my own state. Oh, how much I am in want

of that genuine religion, which is able to make me happy, both in this world, and the next.

Monday—26th: January, 1818
Attended my school. At Mr. Thos. Cage's.

Tuesday—27th
At school. Noon—Doctor Cary of Turner called and handed me a letter from his son, Maurice Cary. Mr. Solomon Rockwood called.

Friday—30th
Very cold. Attended school. Evening: at Mr. Lewis Hamlin's, with Capt. Gage's family. Saw a Miss Richards, formerly an instructor in the District.

Saturday—31st
Kept school. In the evening went to Hallowell. Returned home to prayer meeting at father's. Malinda still at my father's.

February, 1818: Sunday—1st
Meeting held in the courthouse. Rev. Mr. John H. Ingraham preached for Rev. Mr. Tappan.

Monday—2nd
Chandler Vose brought me out to my school house with father's horse and sleigh. Kept school. Noon—went to Mr. Levi Page's with trunk and other apparatus to board this week. Evening: I find myself very agreeably situated. This family is a remarkably still family, and as neat as wax. What a contrast between this and the family I was with last week. There—nothing but DIRT and noise.
At my school house. Pleasant and warm.

Tuesday—3rd
OH! What could keep that end always in sight. I have been reflecting upon the carnal securing of a sinful state. What madness, what division, what awful stupidity is man hoped of. Nothing but the cares of this vain and transitory world. How apt am I to be drawn away into vain babling, and talking, in which there is no sense nor understanding. May I always be on my guard, never suffer myself to be drawn away by any fascinating object. Guide me, O Thou Blessed Immanual, in the paths of virtue. Let not my feet slip from Thy paths, and ever may be mindful of the importance of having a well grounded hope in the Blessed Jesus. Oh! amazing Love and condescension in the Lord Jesus, to descend and die for mortals. Perishing man. How little regard is paid to this great sacrifice. O God, may I be suitably affected in view of these things. Evening at home, at Mr. Page's.

Wednesday—4th
Remarkable snow storm. Evening at Mr. D. Craig's.

Thursday—5th
Pleasant after the storm. Evening at Mr. Haskell's. Saw Mr. W. Briggs and wife, with whom I shall board in a few weeks.

Friday—6th
Evening: Mary Hamlin and Mr. D. Craig and wife at Mr. Page's.

Saturday—7th
Attended school. Afternoon returned home. All well, but received unpleasant, but the expected intelligence that father had been succeeded by Judge .... Consequently, father will lose his office. The family are much affected and anticipate so much trouble. Rather more than is necessary, for I have this one consolation that the same hand of providence will continue to protect all of us. That none of us will be left to suffer, if we cannot take care of ourselves the town will. However, I am not afraid of this being the case with any of our family. Evening: Attended prayer meeting held at Mr. Snow's. A large number convened. It was solemn and interesting. I hope my perishing soul got some food. Oh, may I finally live in everlasting glory. But, oh, how can such a vile worm of the dust, as I am, ever expect such a bounty. I deserve nothing but the lowest hell for my position because I have done so wickedly. Oh, what ingratitude, Oh, what inconsistency I am possessed of. What have I brought to pass in the week that is wor-

thy of note. Nothing, nothing. Then I must count the last weeks totally lost, totally lost. Oh, God, let not this week be my last week, but, Oh, but fill my heart with love, but fit and prepare me for another. Oh, keep me during the silent watch of the night, and may I never forsake Thee, nor do anything to displease Thee, for Christ's sake.

Sunday—8th: February, 1818

Attended meeting here in the Courthouse. The Rev. Mr. T. preached. Cold. Also attended Sabbath school. In the eve heard the Elder Batchelor preach of Haverhill, Mass., in the courthouse. Rev. M. T. present. Elder Batchelor is the father of my friend, Theodota. After lecture proceeded out to my school in the midst of a violent snowstorm. It was with much difficulty that I reached Mr. Lewis Hamlen's.

Monday—9th

Kept school. Very blustery weather. Wind N. W. But a few scholars attended in consequence of the cold weather. This week at Mr. Solomon Rockwood's. Eve: I find my situation greatly changed. I have seen nothing that looks like dirt or nastiiness, as in former places, but, oh, the tumult of children, same bawling, some fighting, some screaching, music, indeed. However, they are clean and neat as far as I can see and learn.

Tuesday—10th

Exceptionally cold, blustering. The roads mostly blocked up. Almost froze to death this morning at my boarding house. No fire. At school, about 20 scholars today.

Wednesday—11th

Evening went to Hallowell in the sleigh with Mr. Rockwood to attend the Foreign Missionary Society. Heard the Rev. Mr. Olney preach. Cold and sharp. Home at nine.

Thursday—12th

Attended to school keeping.

Friday—13th

Attended my school. Evening at Col. Arthur Lithgow's.

Saturday—14th

Kept school ½ day. Afternoon returned home by dark.

Sunday—15th

Meeting in the Courthouse. Heard the Rev. Mr. T. preach. The appearances are somewhat favorable for a revival of religion in this place; there are three or four men who appear much solemnized in view of their lost condition. They seemed to have a realizing sense of their awful and craved hearts. Oh, that they can, too discover more than they now do. If the Lord is about to commence the good work of reformation then may we forever rejoice. Come, oh, come quickly and stir up the wicked people to a sense of their danger. Why delay this coming of this overblessed Immanual. My heart glows at the thought of the bright prospect to anticipate that day when we can all say with one heart and mind, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up into the house of the Lord," Oh, my Redeemer's kingdom, let it be established in this place, and may it shine in full glory. Afternoon: have enjoyed a good meeting this day. Have some reason to think my soul has been refreshed in some measure. Drank tea at Rev. Tappan's, enjoyed much of his good councils. Returned to my school district by Mr. Page's. Very cold.

Monday—16th

Attended school. This night the two months expire, consequently the Town's money is consumed—$30.

Tuesday—17th

No school to-day. I have taken this day to myself to do some little things necessary to run about before I begin my private school. Went to Hallowell in sleigh with Deacon and Mrs. Briggs by the way of Augusta. Called at father's. Sent Mr. Thayer his clarionette by the Brigg's. While in Hallowell I got my hair cut. Purchased a few religious tracts for the benefit of my school. Dined at father's. Dr. Cass and wife (she that formerly was Abigail Page) at father's. Late on their way home, viz., Hampden and Penobscot. Returned to Mr. Brigg's at dusk, laden much with the rich mercys of God.

Wednesday—18th: February, 1818
Opening school, which is nothing different from the town, having the same number of scholars, only it is supported by the individual subscriptions in the District. I expect it will continue four or five weeks. Received $30.00 from the collector, for my services in keeping school. In evening walked to the river. Attended weekly conference at Rev. Mr. Tappan's. A large number convened on this occasion. Returned to my boarding place by 10 o'clock, rather fatigued with long walk, nearly six miles in distance.

Thursday—19th
Kept school. Pleasant weather.

Friday—20th
Good weather. Evening at Mr. Brigg's. John Goldthait and Thomas G., who live near here called and spent the evening. We sang Psalms tunes, and played a little on the flutes. Deacon Briggs was present, which made the time pass agreeable.

Saturday—21st.
Kept school but a half a day. Catechized the children and made some of them presents of a few religious tracts, which I hope and pray may be the means of the influence of God's Holy Spirit of making them alarmed of their danger, which is necessary for us all previous to our becoming wise unto salvation. For how can one feel a want of that loving change which is frequently wrought unto the minds of mankind, if we do not feel a due sense of this awful condition? This state of his alienation from his Almighty God I do conceive it truly necessary. And may the God of all Grace so inspire my mind in view of this, that I may be brought, too, but of Jesus of Mercy resting only in this mercy of God in this salvation. Evening: Went home and attended prayer meeting held at Mr. Snow's house. I think I found a good meeting to my precious soul. What make me like this company of good people, all the good meeting? Oh, I trusteth in God that worketh in me to seeth how these things are which are from above.

Sunday—22nd
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. Snow storm. However, not being very well did not attend Sabbath School today. But who are my soul's affaris today? How does this bear the thought of everlasting life? When the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched, the work that never dies. How ready is heto cry out, Saviour Lord, I perish. How Holy is this day—where o'er my thoughts, alas. They are on every fascinating object. But, Oh, God assist me to call in my wandering thoughts that I may worship Thee, as Thou art want to be worshipped. This day I trust is a good day to me. After meeting I walked to Mr. Briggs. Evening with Deacon Briggs. Good old man. How ornamental his true religion to the decaying frame, and must bid adieu to time and wing this flight to more everlasting glory. Enjoyed much of his good conversation and when we parted I first read a portion of the scripture, and he then commended of God. Oh, what thankfulness I have to give, that I enjoy any such precious priviledges. But if I fall short, Oh God, renew me by Thy Holy Spirit. God, have mercy unto me, a sinner.

Monday—23rd
Very pleasant after the storm. Attended school. At Mr. Lewis Hamlin's this week, who boards me for Mr. Goldthwait, which is very pleasant to be near my schoolhouse. Evening at home, as I call it, having been here so frequently things appear like home.

Wednesday—25th
Attended to my school. A very considerable quantity of snow on the ground, say 3 foot in the woods.

Thursday—26th
Attended my school. School is at present, as to numbers the same, but as to order, I find them more disposed to keep still and

conform to my orders, except one or two of the large scholars. They give me trouble through the whole school. I have to speak to one of them very often, but he does not seem disposed to obey. Consequently it keeps me in a continual fret all the time, but I have now borne with him as long as my disposition will admit, and he being too old to be punished, to turn him out of school, or he shall conform to my orders, for I cannot and will not have my school trampled down by one individual scholar. Gave him his choice to-day to either leave the school or conform to my rules.

Friday—27th: February, 1818

Attended school. Afternoon high winds, S. W. Mr. .... has gone from school for good. Evening: Mr. Harrison had friends to visit him.

March, 1818: Saturday—1st.

Sunday—1st.

Attended meeting. The Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. Not being very well, I did not attend the Sabbath School. Feel considerable degree of solemnity. Oh, how amazing depraved do I feel my heart. How full of opposition, and oh, how backward in the good cause of religion. Where are all my resolutions that I have resolved? Oh, I fear they have been like the moving clouds, which appeared but a little time, then vanished. It seems to me that all is gone when I look with my vile polluted heart. Oh, may I yet see and know how frail I am. I seem to have enlarged views of my own wretchedness, of my own state of nature. I find I am much inclined to sin. Too much in love with this fleeting, vain, and transitory world. Oh, why do I yet stand out in such awful rebellion against the King of Heaven. Oh, my soul, consider for one moment the great obligation Thou art under to Him for Thy preservation, for there being kept for the eternal ruin, but, oh, if God should cut Thy brittle thread of life, where, Oh, where, should I appear? How then, can I be otherwise than alarmed in view of this consideration? If the righteous are scantily saved, where where, Oh, where will the Ungodly and sinners appear, and where I may well say, where shall God appear? In view of these things, I am ready to cry out, God be merciful to me, a sinner. Evening: Mr. Hamlin's.

Monday—2nd

At Mr. Samuel Cunmming's this week.

Tuesday—3rd

Stayed all night at Hamlin's, on a visit.

Wednesday—4th

Up early in the morning. Went out to my boarding house. Warm. Kept school. Quite a snow storm. Afternoon after school went home. All well as usual.

Thursday—5th

Snowstorm. Went out to my school on foot. Found it very bad walking. Attended school. In the evening at Mr. Cumming's.

Friday—6th

Kept school.

Saturday—7th

Mr. Cary called on me at my school. Attended to the usual duties usually attended to on Saturday. Afternoon at Mr. Hamlin's. Evening returned home. Attended prayer meeting. This meeting was peculiarly interesting and solemn. Two Christians exhorted, viz: Mr. B. Williams and Gen Henry Sewall. This had a good effect, I thought, upon the minds of all present. Some appeared affected, others very solemn. Oh, may I never lose the impression made this night as a means of bringing me to Jesus.

Sunday—8th

Warm. Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Mitchell, from Waldoboro, preached for Mr. Tappan. In the evennig Mr. Mitchell preached a lecture in the courthouse.

Monday—9th

At father's. Went out to my school house. Very fine morning. The air remarkably soft and mild. Noon went to Col. Lithgow's to board. Found Mrs. Bridge and son there on a visit. Evening Mr. Tappan preached to my school. A considerable number attended.

Tuesday—10th
Kept school. Warm.

Wednesday—11th: March, 1818
Attended school. Afternoon after school I went to the river, and from there to Hallowell and made purchase of a few tracts and etc. to give my scholars at the expiration of my school. An election was held in the Light Infantry for officers. I have learned that the following persons were elected, viz: Lieut. Geo. Hamlin, Captain; L. Barton, Lieut.; and of course I have the honor to be superseded, this a circumstance I did not dream of, but at this have manifested (by their proceedings this day) a dissatisfaction of my continuing with them as an officer. I am properly reconciled to this circumstance. Therefore am inclined to think I shall withdraw from this honorary company consisting of the large number of 16 or 20, all. I believe they are fighting men. Evening returned to Col. Lithgow's about eight o'clock.

Thursday—12th
Evening went to the lecture at Courthouse in sleigh with Mary Hamlin. It being late upon returning, was persuaded by Hamlin's to stay all night.

Friday—13th
Kept school. Forenoon Rev. Mr. Tappan called on the scholars to hear them in catechism, etc. They appeared very well. Afternoon two of the general visiting committee, Rev. Mr. Tappan, and Dr. Guild came into the school accompanied by Mr. L. Hamlin and Cyrus Guild, Esq., and Mr. Rufus Haskell. The scholars appeared remarkable well. I proceeded through the exercises without any difficulty. Mr. Tappan spoke in high esteem of the school and it's instructor. Consequently may well imagine that I have given good satisfaction, which is very gratifying to me. Evening at Col. Lithgow's. Squire Guild paid me my wages, to-wit: $13.75.

Saturday—14th
Finished my school and gave each of my scholars a tract. It was very painful to me to part with those dear youth, over whom Providence was pleased to place me for their instruction. By which means I find a great attachment subsisting between us. I took the opportunity to address them on a subject suitable to the occasion. As I expect to meet most, if not all of them, once a week on Saturday, for the purpose of hearing their lessons in catechism and Bible, as proud to them. Of course, I do not feel so unpleasant in leaving them, yet there are some of them I may never see again. If I have not done my duty at this time may I learn to be more careful for the future. Returned to Col. Lithgow's and took dinner. Feel rather heavy hearted. Afternoon left them for good and returned to Mr. Hamlin's. Here I spent the afternoon very agreeably. Packed my books in my trunk and left them there, there being no conveyance to the river. Left there after tea for home. Arrived about dusk. All well. Bad walking. Prayer meeting at father's.

Tuesday—17th
Father sat out for Wiscasset District courts, to set there this day. The new Judge has prolonged his continuance in office for the present. At home all day attending to his business; viz: attending to the pepole that are redeeming their direct tax for 1814.

Tuesday—24th
Sat out about 9 A. M. for Bloomfield on horseback. Found the riding very bad. Arrived at Deacon Kimball's about 5 P. M. All well. Stopped at Waterville a few minutes.

Wednesday—25th
At Deacon Kimball's at Bloomfield. Paid my bill for board amounting, with the interest for eight months, to the sum of $24.22. Rode to the falls and paid other bills, viz: President Hale $2.80, Mr. Weston, $0.38, Major Lock 26c. Rode to Norridgewock, dined at Mr. Sylvester's, Esq. Afternoon called on Mr. Alden's family. All well. Also on Major Sautell's. Evening at Squire Sylves-

ter's. Mr. Samuel Sylvester and wife called to see me.

Thursday—26th: March, 1818
Returned home.

Friday—27th
Evening: At the postoffice most of the time. Returned home with a considerable condemnation for having been in so unprofitable company this evening. May I take more heed in my steps in the future.

Monday—30th
Samuel Greeley came to my father's family to board this summer. He is studying the language. Quite a pleasant companion. We room together, consequently time passes pleasantly, perhaps too merrily at times.

April, 1818: Monday—6th
Town meeting for the choice of Governor and Lt. Governor.

Wednesday—29th
Very pleasant after the rain. Afternoon my friend Miss Hamlin (xxxxx) called at father's and spent the afternoon, which time was very agreeable.

May, 1818: Friday—1st
Up early and took exercises. Many of the young people walking out for their amusement on this morning, this being the first morning in May. It is a pity that the first day of May would not come every morning, if that would be an inducement for them to arise early.

Wednesday—6th
Drove father's sheep out to Mr. L. Hamlin's pasture. Was at his house when I saw the amiable Miss Hamlin. Had an agreeable interview for a short time. Returned home by noon rather fatigued.

Friday—8th
At home. Very violent toothache.

Sunday—10th
Had another of my teeth pulled. Feeling somewhat better.

Friday—29th
Finished with five days writing for Mr. Davis. Charged $5.00, received but $4.00.

Saturday—30th
Went to Hallowell, and put my trunk aboard the Liberty bound to Newbury Port. Sail on Monday.

June, 1818: Monday—1st
Father sat out for Portland. Rode to Hallowell with him, and finding Capt. Moody not ready to sail, proceeded to Gardiner with him. Walked back. All well at Uncle Thomas'.'

Wednesday—3rd
A strong head wind is against our going down the river to-day.

Thursday—4th
Went to Hallowell in the forenoon. Afternoon at Mr. H. Allen's. Evening: Mr. Titcomb (a fellow employee at Mr. Davis's, and a resident of Newbury Port). and myself went on board the Liberty, Capt. Moody, master, bound for Newbury Port. Remained on board in the evening in the expectation of sailing in the morning.

Friday—5th
On board the packet at Hallowell. Rowed the vessel down as far as the Hook. Had a Southwesterly wind. Stopped at Gardiner. Arrived at Bath at one. Had a tolerable good run. Afternoon wind west. Prceeded on the Parkers Flats where we dropped anchor and remained for the night.

Saturday—6th
The vessel laying near Parkers Flat waiting for the tide. We dropped down with the tide, the distance of 2 or 3 miles, and came to anchor. At eight we weighed anchor and drifted out to sea. A considerable swell, no wind. Saw two large whales at the Eastward, also a porpoise. We drifted off a considerable distance when we took advantage of a light breeze and made up toward Portland. I was considerable sick. We arrived at Portland between 8 and 9 P. M. Called at Tilton's. Saw father who is here attending court. Also at the stage

house saw John Gow and Greenleaf Gadd, D. Williams, and Miss Curtis. They are here and expect to take the stage in the A. M. for Augusta. Returned to the vessel.

Sunday—7th: June, 1818
Appearances of a storm. Attended meeting at Rev. Mr. Parson's Meeting House. A very large congregation. Saw Miss Eliza Lowell from Boston. Dined at Mr. Felton's. Being quite fatigued and quite dull, I thought it best not to attend meeting in the afternoon, consequently went on board the sloop.

Monday—8th
Heavy storm at the Eastward. Very fortunate for us that we came into this harbor this Saturday night.

Tuesday—9th
Fine weather.

Wednesday—10th
Sat sail early this morning, but unfortunately for us, we found a headwind. Sailed only 12 miles and made into Winter Harbor near or opposite Saco, and came to an anchor for the night.

Thursday—11th
Pleasant. Set sail. Wind N. W. making good way to Newbury Port. The vessel will continue to sail all night providing the wind cnotinues fair. Have been tolerable well today. This swell has gone down considerable.

Friday—12th
Newbury Port in sight. Dead calm. Came to an anchor off Newbury Flats waiting for the tide. Amused myself by catching fish. Newbury Port afforded a very pleasant prospect. In my opinion it is superior to Portland. Afternoon at 2 o'clock wind breezing up from the westward. Made into the harbor, went on ashore. Mr. Titcomb carried me to his mother's. Quite fatigued and worn down.

Saturday—13th
At Mrs. Titcomb's. Walked about town. Am highly pleased with this place. Wrote home to Sister Susan.

Tuesday—16th
Took the stage to Ipswich. Arrived at Cousin Thos. Sewall's about noon. All well. Appear to have a quite pleasant situation for his house, etc. He will not continue in this place but a short time longer, from a late trying circumstance, that has lately occurred in this place. Upon examination made in the burying ground, it has been discovered that eight graves in the potters field have been robbed of their dead. Consequently the inhabitants of this village (Chebano) have strong but ungrounded suspicions that my friend, Dr. Sewall, was knowing of the circumstance. I have conversed with the Doctor. He has satisfied me that he is totally innocent. He has, however, been indicted at the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth. There cannot be found any evidence sufficient to convict him. He informs me that he has been in great jeopardy for a considerable time. The people were determined that, provided that an indictment was not found, to take his life. Therefore it was a circumstance very fortunate that an indictment was alleviated. The Doctor carried me into the burying ground and what a dreadful spectacle to behold; graves opened and emptied, coffins lay scattered about the yard. The inhabitants are exceedingly wrought upon, but a vast more by passion than grief.

Wednesday—17th
Mary Webster, who is here on a visit, being desirous of going to Hampden on a visit, Dr. Sewall is solicitous that I should go with her. Start out at 9 A. M. with his horse and chaise, for Hampden. Passed through Rowley and Newbury Port. Stopped at Newbury at Mr. Brown's related to the Doctor and took dinner. Proceeded through Amesbury, Seabrook, to Hampden where we arrived at Rev. Mr. Webster's, brother of Mr. W. of Gardner, Me. (Hampden is about 10 miles north of Newbury Port, Mass., in the state of New Hampshire.)

Thursday—18th
At Rev. Mr. Webster's who is now absent

on a journey. This place is quite pleasantly situated, about two miles from the sea. A very decent Meeting House with a bell, and also an Academy. Are all in sight of Mr. W.'s. house. Newbury Port lights seen often from this house. Sat out alone with horse and chaise for Portsmouth. Passed through the North Hampton, Greenland and arrived at Portsmouth about noon. Portsmouth is a very handsome town and is in a very considerable flourishing state, but for my own part cannot say I am so well pleased with the place as some others that I have seen. Called at Rev. Mr. Putnam's, to whom I was made known by a letter of introduction by Dr. Sewall. He carried me to Deacon Tappan, cousin of Rev. Mr. Tappan of Augusta. They appear to be very hospitable people. Returned to Rev. Mr. Putnam's and took dinner. Afternoon returned to Hampton, New Hampshire and put up at Rev. Mr. Webster's. Evening Mr. Adams, a Missionary, called here, late from Boston, who is preaching in Bridgeport District, Maine.*

Friday—19th: June, 1818

Sat out for Haverhill through the town of Exeter and Kingston, and arrived at Haverhill at 5 P. M. Put up my horse at an inn in that place. While at Exeter, made a short stop for the purpose of observation. The place, I think, is very agreeably situated and I am somewhat pleased with the situation of the several individual seats, especially near Phillips Academy. This also is quite a pleasant stand and should judge a very good place for our youth to resort to for an education. This building is three stories high and has a bell, situated on a delightful interval. There is a large and commodious yard, which adds an additional lustre to this spacious house. Kingston is pleasantly situated on a level tract of land. I observe the face of the country on New Hampshire, near there, is mostly level, abounding richly with fine fruit trees. The scenery is elegant, as one ridges along from Hampton through Exeter to Kingston, etc. But the people, I have reason to think, from their outward appearances, are a rather haughty set of beings. This I notice particularly in the town of Portsmouth. I have heard it remarked that the people in general are a haughty, high-minded, as well as dissipated people. Yet there are many excellent people, and still hope and think there will be more of this class from the circumstance that a Sabbath School hs recently commenced in this place, which I conceive to be a most happy means of reforming the morals of a dissipated place. But to return to Haverhill. After having seen that my horse was well taken care of, I called on my friend Miss Theodota B.* who spent the last summer in Bloomfield. She received me very warmly, and was, to appearance, highly grateful that I had taken so much pains to call on her. She is now engaged in a town school at this place. Saw all her sisters, and one of her brothers, who I think very much resembles her. The family are very much affected in the loss of their father, who died last April. After tea took a walk accompanined by Miss B., her brother and sisters across the bridge to Bradford, and back again. Miss B and myself took another walk near the house of the late Miss Newell. Quite interesting to me on many accounts; particularly having read her memoirs. Returned to the house by night highly grateful with my walk. The family are desirous for me to spend the night with them.

Saturday—20th

Having taken leave of the family, who have treated me with great kindness which I ever hope to remember, I proceeded on to Newbury Port through the town of Bradford. I passed by the house of the late Rev. Dutch, whose son is a brotherin-law of mine. Newbury is a new town. Here I called on Mrs. Tappan, mother of the Rev. Mr. Tappan of Augusta, who was extremely glad to see me. Miss Hannah's health is better. After spending a little time here proceeded on to Newbury Port. Arrived there at noon. Called on Mr. Brown. Stopped at the widow Titcomb and took my trunk. Heard of my friends Nichols and Vose and of my friend William B. Titcomb, and from my friends at Augusta. All well. Called on Dr. Coffin, to whom I was known by a letter of introduction from Dr. Sewall. The Dr. showed me the tombstone of Mr. H. Sewall, who is the ancestor of ancestors of all the Sewalls in New England. Proceeded to Ipswich. Took tea with Rev. Mr. Dann. Arrived at Chebona at sunset. All well as usual. Evening at Dr. Sewell's. I feel highly grateful in contemplating the journey of the week and think I have been greatly benefited from it. I feel myself under great obligation from the Dr. for his kindness for furnishing me with his horse and chaise, a kindness I fear I shall never be able to repay. Above all I hope I feel thankful, that God has protected me and guided me in my paths.

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*Maine admitted to statehood in 1820. Previous to that time it was a part of Massachusetts.

*Sweetheart.

Sunday—21st: June, 1818

Very fine weather. No meeting in this parish today. The minister is absent from his people. Forenoon have been singing a few tunes and hymns with the family, which was quite pleasant. Afternoon went to a Baptist meeting.

Wednesday—24th

Rode over with Dr. Sewall to Ipswick town and had a very pleasant view of the town. Wrote to my friend Miss M. C. H. by mail. Returned by noon. Evening at Mr. Perkins.

Thursday—25th

Sat out with Dr. Sewall in chaise for Boston, passing through the towns of Manchester, Beverly and Salem, where we stopped and dined at Deacon Safford's, an intimate acquaintance of my Mother. Made several other calls. While at the book store I saw quite a curiosity. In there is hanging up on the wall a portrait of which admits of three distinct views of three distinct characters. In the view in front represents Lord Wellington, the side view represents the Empress of Poland, the left side view the Emperor Alexander.. The first or front view is on a canvass with a considerable number of slats across up and down. On the side of these slats are painted the two other persons, so by varying the position they come distinctly in view, and hiding the others. After dinner continued on our journey, passing through the town of Lynn, Chelsea, Charleston, and arrived in Boston by sunset, and put up at Dix's boarding house. Drank tea with Dr. Hale.

Friday—26th

Making inquiries to the relative of the business I am in pursuit. Walked about the town. Went up into the State house. Had a fine view of the place, and the towns in its vicinity. I am highly pleased with Boston and really hope some favorable thing may turn up that will induce me to remain here. Dr. Sewall carried me to Dr. Jeffery's, and called on Gideon Snow, to whom I became known by a letter from Col. Vaughn. Called on Col. Samuel May, and introduced myself. He was very happy to see me. I took this liberty, from an account of sister Dutch, having once spent a considerable time with him. Called on George Sullivan, Esq. by the way of introductory leter from Rev. Mr. Tappan. He gave me a very polite invitation to dine with him at two P. M. Was there, politely treated. He seems a little awkward to me to be with these great folks, not being acquainted with their civilities, but I shall learn by and by. Dr. S. returned home to Ipswick. Eve. at the Columbian Mission. Returned to my boarding house by 10 o'clock, very much fatigued with the transactions of the day.

Saturday—27th

Had a much better night's rest than the night preceding when I was much disturbed with the noise of the rattling of the carriages, etc., but this I shall soon become accustomed to. Wrote home to father by mail. Attended a Roman Catholic funeral where I saw many formalities. Evening saw friend Rufus C. Vose, which was very pleasant to me.

Sunday—28th

Morning excessively warm. Walked to the

North end of town and heard someone chimeing the bells at one of the churches. Returned to my boarding house. Forenoon: Attended meeting at the old South Church. Heard Rev. Mr. Huntington, and from little I heard, though but a small part of the sermon, he having but a small voice, and the carriages making much noise over the pavements; should judge him to be quite orthodox. The singing was very good. They sung Sutton and Canterbury tunes that I am well acquainted with. Afternoon attended the meeting of the Roman Catholics. They begun their services by singing occasional pious, some part of which was in a foreign language. This occupied a considerable time, and I notice in this service that there was kneeling frequently to the altar, which contained 6 or 7 candles that were burning. This place they approached with great reverence. It is the practice of all Catholics to dip their fingers in a bowl of water which they call Holy. There are in this Church some beautiful paintings, representing the crucifixion of our Saviour, and many other persons. Also they have a beautiful organ, which adds much to their music.

Monday—29th: June, 1818

Friend Vose and myself walked about town. Afternoon we went over to Charlestown, and returned by sunset. Saw Mr. Stine, Esq., late from Augusta. All well in that quarter. Evening went over to the bath house where I found fine accommodation for bathing.

Tuesday—30th

Friend Vose and myself went a circuitous route through town, as far as the South Bridge, and there saw a steamboat. Returned by noon very much fatigued with the long walk. The streets, although paved are very dirty. Afternoon saw my old friend Amos Nichols, who will be here a few days and then go to Washington. Friend Vose and myself went into the rope walks near the Commons. Evening took a short walk, but the air in the streets is very stagnated. I long to be in the country to enjoy the fresh air.

July, 1818. Boston. Wednesday—1st

Friend Vose and myself went over to Charleston. I saw Mrs. Devens (formerly Miss Caroline Lithgow) and Miss Mary Lithgow, both tolerably well. They were happy to see me, being late from the Eastward. We went to the State prison in hopes of obtaining a permit to go in, but could not. However, we were permitted to look into the yard where the prisoners were laboring. They were all dressed alike, towit: red and black. That is, half of their suit, the right side, was an entire red, the other side as black as jet. Returned quite fatigued. Afternoon, driving about as usual. Evening: Saw Capt. Thurlo from Augusta. All well in that quarter.

Friday—3rd

Writing in the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court office and shall continue in this place, provided I can make a living, by writing at the rate of eight cents per page. This I shall be able to determine in a few days. I am pretty well certain I can clear my board without much difficulty, and perhaps by remaining in that office, for nothing more, I may be in the way to find something better hereafter. By using strict economy I think I can get along.

Saturday—4th

I was awakened this mornnig by the sound of heavy cannon from the Navy and forts, and the ringing of bells, announcing the approach of another of the glorious anniversaries of the American Independence. Here in the town of Boston this day is made great of. Business is dispensed with and every free born American feels himself, on this occasion, entirely independent. After breakfast, my friend Vose, and myself mixed with the throng to see and know all that is going on. Went to see the Cornerstone of the New Hospital laid, which was done with Masonic honours. Three Companies out on Escort Duty in Royal Cadets, or Government Guards, and the Boston Light Infantry. The first Company, or Cadets, is made up of the first characters in town. The Commanding officer ranks as

Col. and so on down, with the sub-altern, viz: Majors. It consists of four officers, Col., two Majors, and a Capt. The Gov. and Lt. Gov. were both present at this ceremony of laying the foundation of the cornerstone. Much ceremony was done, but we could not get near enough to hear anything, and hard to see what we did. The Gov. is a fine looking gentleman, quite a Washington look. There is much solidity in his countenance. May he be crowned with as many laurels as our departed Washington was. At twelve a salute was fired as in the morning. When the procession moved from the New State House to the old South Church, to hear an oration adapted for this occasion. This procession consisted of all the Divisionary, Brigade, Regiment, and Company officers of this Division all which made a grand procession. The music was delightful. After service they again repaired to the State House and partake of an elegant repose. Everything was conducted with the greaest decency and good order, far more than I was aware of for the town of Boston. Nothing in the forenoon seen (excepting all heard the loud Hupar, while drinking their toast. This, however, they got through with by four P. M.) Until between six and seven I saw two air balloons ascend, near South Boston. They both went very rapid and high and fell near the west part of the town. One in the marsh near Cambridge, and the other fell in the water. Another salute was fired for tribute to the flag. Evening: We went into the Washington gardens and saw many different fireworks, such as rockets and etc. Fine music. Returned by 10 P. M. quite fatigued with the transactions of the day. I think I have seen enough of Fourth of July for once, in short I am sick of this celebration, for I have so much of one thing and another. I am glad there is no more to be done. The Seventy-Four which lays off this Harbor was draped out with colors of every nation of the world. This also had a grand appearance. I believe this is all that I have seen to be noticed here, and to bed I will go. But I suppose my head will be full of guns, drums, bells, and the like all night.

Sunday—5th

Had a fine night's rest. Not much troubled with those anticipated evils mentioned last evening. Attended the Park Street Church so called, which is near the wall, where the Rev. Mr. Dwight is settled. But I was somewhat disappointed in not hearing Mr. Dwight, as it is my intention of hearing all of the ministers at the several meeting houses. However I was very well satisfied with the man that I did hear, for although an entire stranger to me, yet this I know, he is a pure Calvanist preacher. Full of dignity. I saw Judy Stebbins from the Eastward. Afternoon: the bell is tolling for some funeral. People die in such a large place as this and are hardly noticed by the inhabitants. Quite a common thing to have a funeral every two or three days and yet quite healthy. Death makes its ravages in all parts of the world. None are exempt from its summons.

Monday—6th: July 1818

Wrote to Dr. Sewall by mail to send me my trunk, having concluded to remain here for the present.

Wednesday—8th

Writing at the clerk's office. I have for the last two days averaged nine shillings per day in my work. By this means I think I can make something more than my expenses, but I must find a cheaper place to board, if possible.

Friday—10th

Saw W. Paine, who I have been a little acquainted with when at the Eastward. He is from that quarter, but now established in the law in this town, on State Street. Evening called on my friend at his boarding house in Milk Street—Mrs. Gardiner. Spent the evening very pleasantly, especially when I found by her conversation she was an old acquaintance of Sister Abby Dutch.

Saturday—11th

Afternoon not much doing this being considered generally to be the leisure time for all of the clerks. Friend Paine carried me to Mrs. Endecott's, she that was formerly Ann Hale of Hallowell, who is now keeping a boarding house in town. Mr. P. returned home, and I remained at Mrs. E's, and took tea agreeably to an invitation. She informs me that she can board me for $4.00 a week, and include washings. This is much better for me than to remain at Dix's. There I shall go on Monday agreeably to agreement. Dix will not like it as it will be forfeiting the agreement, but I cannot, and had rather pay $1 per day (the price of transient boarders) than to have a noise. This however, is not as was proposed to me. Evening walking with ladies. One Miss Endecott, sister of Miss Hale, and Miss Norton of Boston, together with one of the navy officers and his wife. This gentleman treated me with great kindness and much attention. When I find a true gentleman I will ever respect him.

Sunday—12th: July, 1818

Up early and went to the bath house at West Cambridge bridge, and after waiting three-quarters of an hour, there being so many persons that are to have their baths previous to me, I had my turn. I found it very refreshing. Forenoon attended the meeting of the Church of England. Dr. Gardiner preached, he being the settled minister. They have a very splendid Church, rather old fashioned, however, and is decorated as follows: Pulpit, pretty much like the Roman Catholic, but near the wall. On the left are written in large characters the ten commandments, at the bottom of which is the following inscription, "The law came by Moses." On the right of the pulpit is written in much the same manner the articles of the covenant of the church, and the Lord's prayer, underneath them both the inscription, "But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." Many other things are painted, viz. faces of Angels, etc. In this Church also there is an excellent organ. There are many forms and ceremonies attached to the worship of this church, too numerous to mention here. I saw Miss Martha Howard at meeting and was in the same pew, but I did not notice her until after the meeting. She, however, was very happy to see me, not more so than I was to see her. She is at Mr. Dunn's.

Monday—13th

Removed from Dix's boarding house to Mrs. Endecott's, where I am boarding much cheaper, and more to my mind. Evening went to the bath house accompanied with Capt. Van Cleve of the navy, who is now boarding with Mrs. Endecott.

Saturday—18th

As yesterday—wrote Miss B., friend Chas. C. Vose came to board with Mrs. Endecott. Of course, it is additionally pleasant for me. About 6 P. M. fire broke out at the North part of town and did some considerable injury in two dwelling houses and a shop, from which the fire proceeded until they were burnt to ashes. Dr. Baldwin's Meeting House was considerable damaged, being so near. I had a grand opportunity to see the manner that fires are conducted in Boston, and of the dexterity of the engineers, and can say, with much propriety, they did exceedingly well. The fire was so put out, and no further damage done. Went in to Bath house.

Sunday—19th

Rainy. Friend Vose gone out of town. I attended meeting at the Baptist Church, where Rev. Mr. .... is preacher, but he being from home, Rev. Mr. Burr preached in his stead. He preached quite well for one of the denomination.

Tuesday—21st

Received letters from sister Susan and Dr. Sewall, and by the last I was informed that my trunk would soon be here. This gave me a great relief for I had been considerably anxious about it.

Wednesday—22nd

At the office. Will attend the Court of Sessions part of the forenoon as assistant clerk to Judge Tudor. Eve: Mr. Dix's.

Thursday—23rd

Up early and walking before breakfast. At noon, by way of Mrs. Endecott, I heard of a vacancy in the office of Quarter Master of the United States Dept. (office held in the other side of the house she occupied). Went immediately and Major Hamilton, the gentleman that fills the office, made me this offer: viz. for the first year he would give me $300.00—for the second $400.00—for the fourth $600.00—more-over, there would be pre-quarters amounting to $100.00, which I would be entitled to. It would be necessary for me to be in the office from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Under all these favorable circumstances I concluded it best to go into this office. I however, made inquiry of my friends and took their advice, and they all advised me to accept the office. It is now my wish to retain my old position in recording at Mr. Callender's office, so that I may clean up my board, which may be done without much trouble provided they will consent that I should be there only when I am not engaged at the Quarter Master's office.

Friday—24th: July, 1818

Went into the last mentioned office. Got leave of absence for the forenoon. Went down to the clerk's office, and went into Court with Judge Tudor. Saw Collender, but he was going out and could not give me a positive answer upon the subject, viz; of recording at different times. At twelve returned to the Quarter Master's office and proceeded to business.

Saturday—25th

Went to the Quarter Master's office, and very pleased with the duties here, they being quite light and easy.

Sunday—26th

Attended meeting at Rev. Mr. Lovely's meeting house. Afternoon had an engagement with a friend so did not go to any meeting. We went over to Dorchester Heights where there are two forts built for the defense of Boston, during the last war. Here was fought the great battle which is mentioned in History of the old war, and it afforded me many lively sensations when I reflected that on the spot I then stood much blood was spilt by our forefathers for the Independence of the Country. I should not have this day to have gone to Dorchester had I not been previously engaged, and it is not congenial tp my feelings to be profaning the Sabbath in this way, but I hope I shall be more on my guard how I engage myself in the future.

Tuesday—28th

At my daily task. I find, however, that the duties of this office are not so great as that of the clerk's office. Walking with the ladies. Went to the Gardens which are very pleasant, being adorned with the richest gifts of Nature. Here at certain seasons may be heard very delightful music, both instrumental and vocal. Received letter from father.

August, 1818: Wednesday—12th

Not very well to-day, which I was suspicious was owing to not taking more exercise. I am almost sick of being in Boston. I am sensitive that nothing but interest can keep me here. True, there are good societies, pleasant friends that are capable of affording my situation pleasant, but after all, it is not the kind of pleasure I enjoy. No society so pleasing and no friends so dear to me than those that compose the family from which I sprang. These alone are the life of much of silver and solid reflections.

Friday—14th

At my business as usual. Do not feel very well. I have been so lazy as not to take the exercise as I ought. I should like to have someone haul me out of bed every morning until I break myself of this practice.

Saturday—15th

Afternoon. Agreeable to an invitation from Capt. A. Riggs, I went to Charleston and then into the state prison, where I beheld many of my fellow being, who, for some crime were there confined in a stage of slavery. The number of prisoners were numbered amounts to upward to 300. They, however, appeared quite cheerful in their countenance, yet there were a few who seemed to feel conscious of their guilt and somewhat ashamed of being in this place. The prison is built of stone and well secured by strong walls, on which are mounted guards to detect anyone of these prisoners in their attempt to escape. There are two separate houses; the south house, or prison, has many different apartments in which they are safely lodged during the night. These apartments, which contain 12 persons, are similar to our common gaols. Returned to Capt. A. Riggs and drank tea. Returned to Boston, filled with much contemplation and the scene of human depravity I have this day witnessed. Received a letter from A. Nichols of Washington.

Sunday—30th: August, 1818

Forenoon attended meeting at the Park Street Church. Afternoon Major Hamilton gave me a very polite invitation to ride out of town with him. I concluded it was best for me to embrace this opportunity although it is the Sabbath, yet, for the purpose of forming acquaintances with gentlemen of distinction, I think it best. Col. Babcock and Dr. Pallet accompanied us out. Col. B. is one of the aides of the Governor of the State of Connecticut. We rode out as far as Watertown. This place, as well as the towns in its vicinity, I found to be truly delightful. Returned to Boston by dusk.

September, 1818: Sunday—27th

Javis Williams arrived from Augusta and will board with me. All my friends are well. A considerable number of young men from Augusta and Hallowell are going to the Southward.

October, 1818: Thursday—24th

At the office. Finished the account and abstracts for the quarter ending September 30, 1818. Evening Major Hamilton sent them to Washington. I am rejoiced they are finished and out of my sight. In the office clearing up decks, as the sailors say, after a storm.

Monday—26th

No funds in the Quarter Master's office. Now is the time for good speculation. Money makes the mare go. Hurrah for our side. Bought account, and made $20.00. Slam—Bang.

November, 1818: Saturday—7th

Removed my boarding place to a Mr. Hooper's in Hanover Street and at the head of Union Street, price $4.00 board only. Room with Cousin William here. I am very agreeably situated.

Thursday—12th

Pleasant weather for November. There are not so many objects to remind us of fall and winter in such a place as Boston as in the country. For we all see nothing but heaps of buildings and paved streets. No extensive fields and woodlands that fade every day that pass, but all is different, indeed. I had rather live in the country where things like our Mother Earth.

Monday—16th

Wrote father and sister Susan and enclosed $24.00. Sent her trunk home, together with a parcel of my old clothes, that I have no further use for in this place.

Monday—30th

Walked before breakfast for exercise. This I should do every morning, but for excuse, I say laziness prevents. Evening at home playing on the flute and reading Cooper's Task. Singing a little, writing a little, and in short, a variety of little things too numerous to mention.

December, 1818: Monday—7th

At the office. Quite busy as there was a little quantity of funds arrived from Washington.

Sundy—13th

Received a letter from Sister Sue, who informs me that father has, or is about to lose the office as District Clerk.

Wednesday—16th

Received a letter from Amos Nichols and father, who informs me that a new clerk will be appointed in January, but he is to be retained until the direct taxes are settled.

Friday—25th: December, 1818
Christmas. No business done at the Quarter Master's office this day. Morning spent a little time at the Roman Catholic Church where were seen unnumerable formalities, too many, by far, to notice at this time. At 11 I went to the Chapel which is one of the Churches of England. This Church was decorated with much style, with green boughs. As is usual, the Church partook of the Sacrament. The performance was quite solemn, but I have great reason to fear that many of these persons who assemble around the altar have but little or no religion. After dinner went to see the painting of our Saviour riding into Jerusalem. The painting is done on a large plan and the figures are as large as life.

Wednesday—20th
Hurried to death with business. Sick and half dead with the bustle of business of Boston. Oh, how I long to be calmly retired on some sequestered spot, where I can enjoy a few acres of land by making experiments and improvements in agriculture, and where I should be secluded from the din of the city.

January, 1819: Tuesday—12th
At the office as usual. NO FUNDS. If Uncle Sam does not let us have some money soon I shall be under the necessity of failing, consequently the town of Boston must stand much healed, also.

Wednesday—13th
Legislature assembled. Wonder how the Eastern Representatives feel with their new white top boots, and new suit of clothes. Why, they feel like a shirt on a hand spike.

Friday—15th
Evening at Col. Mays. Amusement and only entertainment. Ladies attempting to puzzle me, which is the fashion of the Boston ladies. But they will have to get up very early in the morning to puzzle a real and merino Kennebecker. But the reverse, I having studied their puzzles, I have the pleasure of giving them one which will last them a day or two.

Sunday—17th
Auspicious morning. Welcome. Welcome, thou who ushers in the anniversary of my Birthday. This morning counts another of my fleeting years. Twenty-two years have rolled over my head.

February—1819: Wednesday—3rd
I purchased accounts this day, to the amount of $3000.00, which will be paid when funds arrive.

Tuesday—9th
Thermometer stands this day 70 degrees above zero in the shade. Such weather as this has never been known before.

Saturday—13th
Morning. How it snows. Remarkable! A real old fashioned N. E. snow storm. What a rarity.

Sunday—14th
Very pleasant again. I should judge there was nearly 6 inches of snow since yesterday morning, which will make the sleigh skip a little.

Thursday—18th
Very pleasant morning, but cold. At 11 o'clock the Four Pirates, under sentence of death, were carried through court and up Milk Street to Main Street, and thence to the Neck, where they were executed before an assembly of upward of 20,000 men, women and children. The scene was truly awful. One or two of the four prisoners seemed to realize in the smallest degree their awful situation, and these two were much affected and expressed much while on the scaffold to a Roman Catholic Priest. At a few minutes before one they were swung off, and without much struggling, were soon in eternity. How thankful I should be that I am not left to commit such crimes; that I have been brought up in the manner which has been a check on all in-

tentions to do wrong, that I live in a land where I enjoy the privileges of attending divine worship. Eve. at home in my room, writing a little, but reflecting much that I have this day seen. A scene I never before witnessed, or ever, as I now think, wish to again. How dear we pay for that, which is to gratify a vain curiosity.

Saturday—20th: February, 1819
Appearances of a storm. Wrote to sister Susan by Miss Aldrich, who will leave here in a day or two. Eve. at Mr. Roger's where I saw Miss Aldrich.

Wednesday—24th
A. W. Hamilton received letter from Brig. Gen. W. S. Jesup, Quarter Master Genl., giving him advice of eleven thousand dollars that would be remitted by the Mr. Tucker, Esq., U. S. Treas.—in the office preparing for of funds.

Thursday—25th
FUNDS! ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, which is but a drop in the bucket. Afternoon: very busy in the office paying off accounts.

Saturday—27th
Fair weather again—at the office—all hurrly burrly! What a bluster in business—I am almost sick of business and long to be retired to the country and enjoy solitude.

March, 1819. Boston: Tuesday—2nd
No variation in the business—Capt. Hamilton received an intelligence this day that he is ordered to Charleston, S. Carolina, and there to be stationed and act as he does here. Capt. Gen. Bender will relieve him. This is rather bad news to me, as I state, as in all probability I will not be able to find a situation as profitable as the one I now hold. Capt. Hamilton is very desirous that I should go on to Charleston, and there be engaged in a similar situation. This, however, advantageous as it may be, I think I will not go as that place is much subject to sickness during the summer months and I have no desire of exposing my health merely to gain a few thousand dollars—and I hope I will be able to proceed on to another situation which will keep me in employment. I am making many inquiries. There is a vacancy at the Clerk's office of Sup. Ind. Co., where I first went when I came to town, but the compensation is small, and although it is small I must try to get in there and make the most of it, trusting that something will come in my way that will be better.

Tuesday—9th
Maj. Hamilton sat off for New York at 11 o'clock. Will not return until the 16th instant. I am to remain at his office until he returns and have a more particular care of the office. Eve. Wrote to father per mail giving him an account of my expecting soon to leave this office in consequence of Maj. Hamilton being ordered to the South.

Thursday—11th
Busy enough—GREAT MAN AM I—sure enough. ACT AS ASS'TD. Y. QR. MAR. GENEARL 2nd MILITARY DEPARTMENT OF BOSTON!!!!!!. I do wonder. Not long from little Augusta, Little Augusta, indeed —but little as she may be she is great!! Eve.: Chandler Vose and myself practiced our music—which reminds me of past hours spent on the delightful banks of the KENEBEC-Rino Rivers. This may certify that the foregoing nonsense was written on the morning of the 11th instant—a little after breakfast. I will now go to the postoffice and if I do not get a letter from Miss ——* I shall think there is something in the WIND! by gracious. I must have a letter this morning—I received a letter from.......... just as I expected—all well at Augusta.

Saturday—13th
What weather. The streets are dreadful—rainy—splash-splash. Wrote Sister Susan —in which letter I enclose the certificate of the teller New England Bank, for the sum of $117.27 being paid to the account of cashier of Augusta Bank. N. B. What will the Boston dandies do this weather. Who, like an old chaise which has been

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*Miss Hamlin, sweetheart.

long in use, requires much brushing up. Ah, then this is the day exactly for them. A REAL DANDY of the fine Boston cuts the most ridiculous figure I ever beheld. Let one imagine for one moment how that young man appears strutting through the crowd, with his cane, his body laced so tight that he can scarcely stoop, having on a pair of boots with heels three inches high, trousers instead of pantaloons, in the shape of a large pair of meal bags, and extended but two-thirds down the leg, with a long vest coming to a sharp peak in front, and without a collar—with a coat having long skirts, but little or no waist, (consequently with buttons only covering but two thirds of the vest) set out in front with two rows of bright buttons 16 on each side, with a full head of hair, long behind, short before, and long about the ears, with a hat just crowded on to his head, shaped like our old colander more than like a hat, viz. little or no brim, and a long crown, his cravat tied quite tightly behind—what a spectacle of vanity—how ridiculous—such are the fashions of the present day.

Wednesday—17th: March, 1819

Capt. Hamilton just returned from New York, and he has brought his young brother, who is the image of Capt. H. The Capt. is in fine health and spirits. For my own part, I rejoice much that he has returned, for now the responsibility will be off my shoulders.

Thursday—18th

Commenced boarding with Mrs. Eddy Dix. No. 2 Bowden Square, at the rate of $3.00 per week, washing and mending included. Maj. Hamilton has just received funds, and is to pay me the amount of my accounts purchased of individuals for the sum of $2,823.72, which I will be happy to receive, as I am accountable for most of that sum. Paid the sum which I had standing against me in town—viz. Mr. Hooper for board, Moore and Robinson for sundries, etc.

Friday—19th

What a beautiful day, but nothing but a blustering day at the office—money, money—is the cry. He that comes first is first served. Evening: Dr. Sewall called on me, who I was extremely glad to see. He has been to Augusta. Saw all father's family. All well.

Saturday—20th

Dr. Sewall called as per agreement and took breakfast with me at which time again we had an opportunity at chatting. He expects to be at Washington city at the time I am, should I go with the Maj. Hamilton.

Sunday—21st

Dined with Edward Jones, and took his daughter to the New Stone Church in Summer Street, which is very superb, built of stone. It has elegant carpets on the floors which prevent the people from making any noise when coming in, as is generally the case in all Churches. It also has a fine toned organ. The building is 1 story high—but alas!—It is a completeness of UNITARIANS.

Tuesday—30th

Very rainy. Eve: Had the pleasure of meeting with the Messrs. Jones and Timothy Crosby, late from Bangor. I learned of the good health of all my friends of that quarter. Wrote Miss Mary Hamlin, per mail.

April, 1819. Monday—5th

Attending strictly to the duties of the office—which is nothing.

Thursday—8th

Sick. Maj. Hamilton received $14,000.00. Enough to do.

Saturday—10th

Much business doing in the office, such as paying off people who have claims against this department. Wrote father and enclosed $5.00.

Thursday—22nd

Saw Mr. Nichols, who is here from Washington. He is in good health. Capt. Bender has arrived from Washington City, and will take charge of the duties of this office in a few days.

Sunday, April 25th, 1819
Friend Vose, Williams, and myself took a horse and chaise and rode out to Watertown and then spent the day with North Brown, who formerly lived in Augusta. Returned to Boston by sunset.

Monday—26th
Up early, and out walking with Capt. Hamilton. Very busy counting Blanks in the office. In three hours I counted $15,000!? SMART.

Tuesday—27th
Received a letter from Miss Mary Hamlin. Edge of evening finished this perplexing job of counting blanks. They amounted to 36,219 in number.

Wednesday—28th
Evening: In company with friends, A. Nichols (who is yet in town), A. Dillingham (who arrived here a few days since from New Orleans), Chandler Vose and J. Williams.

May, 1819: Saturday—1st
Up very early and took a long walk. Met many of the Boston Dandies walking, being the first day of May they generally make a great time walking.
Attended meeting at Park Street Church where I heard, for the first time, Rev. Mr. Sabin, who at present is preaching in Boyleston Hall under the patronage of the Boston Society.

Tuesday—25th
Cool P. M. Heavy shower of rain and hail.

Wednesday—26th
Election of Governor. Gov. J. Brooks is re-elected. The people of this place make considerable of this day and every parent carries his children onto the common and then to the State House, which makes a considerable open collection. Rode out of town with Mr. J. M. Ingraham, who is here from Hallowell. Capt. Hamilton is confined to his chamber and bed with sickness.

Thursday—27th
Very cool. Capt. Hamilton is better today. I wrote Miss Hamlin per mail.

June, 1819: Tuesday—8th
Excessively warm. Very busy in packing up our papers. Wrote father per mail, notifying him of my leaving Boston.

Wednesday—9th
Very warm. Not doing much. Afternoon packed my trunk.

Thursday—10th
Uncle Jotham Sewall in town. Went to Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, on business. Passed a steam boat which was plying down the harbor.

Friday—11th
Dull weather. Went to Fort Independence on business.

Saturday—12th
Very busy in packing up papers. Hamilton and myself will take stage in the morning for New York.

Sunday—13th June
Left Boston at half-past four with Maj. Hamilton in stage for New York. Ate breakfast at Half Way House between Boston and Providence. When at Providence we were transferred to another stage, with our baggage, for Norwich, Conn. Dined at Scituate, R. I., and arrived at Norwich, Conn., at 8 o'clock, rather fatigued, but highly delighted with the ride in the country, which at this season is truly delightful. Rye, as well as other small grain, looks very well. Was much pleased with Rhode Island, which is much larger than I expected. As to our company—it was good.

Monday—14th
Went on board the steam boat FULTON at 5 o'clock. The steam boats now in use are truly elegant and very commodious. Mr. Robert Fulton on board. I saw him. He has three elegant apartments, one forward for the gentlemen, and which is used for the dining room. This room is large and spacious, and when one is in this handsomely furnished room one forgets he is in a vessel, but rather supposed him on the land in the parlor of some gentleman's house. The room in midship is devoted for a sleeping

room, having connected a bathing room. The room aft is entirely devoted to the ladies, which at the present time is unfilled. The regulations are very strict—no gambling allowed whatever. Near the paddles or wheels which propel the vessel forward are two outhouses, which is a very great convenience. In the dining room and gentlemen's apartment is a bar room. This boat is commanded by Capt. Fall, who spares no pains to give the best results and satisfaction. His table is really excellent, and consisting of such a variety that is not excelled even in Boston. We are now passing very rapidly through Long Island Sound. This morning we stopped a short while at New London, Conn., which was tolerably pleasant. Our Company is very pleasant and agreeable. Went into the bath house and took a warm bath, which I found quite beneficial. There is a continual jar, which is rather trifling, and about as much as one realizes in Boston in the night when carriages pass the house when one is in bed. This jar is made by the great machinery which has to be in operation. Arrived at New Haven, Conn. at 3 o'clock, where we must wait until the New York Steam Boat comes in to meet us. At 6 o'clock, the Steam Boat, The Connecticut, came in, and went off again at half past six for New York City. The Steam Boat Fulton returned to Norwich from whence it came this morning. The Connecticut boat is much larger, and of, course, much more commodious. We have now on board a number of passengers. This boat is far more spacious than the other, having on board an Office and many other conveniences.

Tuesday—15th

Within a few miles of New York City, at six passed Hallet's Gate, which is a very difficult place to pass. The scenery as one passes up the South is truly elegant. We arrived at New York City at 8 o'clock, safe and sound. Maj. Hamilton and myself left the boat and went to his father's. Forenoon: Met with Lt. H. Taylor I find myself fatigued with the journey Dined with Mr. Taylor. Eve: At Mr. Hamilton's.

Wednesday, June 16th, 1819

Warm and dull weather. Commenced abstracting accounts at Mr. Hamilton's, where I am furnished a room all by myself. I expect to be engaged in this business for several days. Evening: Walking with the Misses Hamilton, who are very pleasant as well as beautiful.

Thursday—17th

Very warm. Busy abstracting accounts. Eve.: At Mrs. Clinton's, (sister of His Excellency, Dr. W. Clinton).

Friday—18th

Up early and went with Maj. Hamilton to the bath house. Took a swimming bath which I found very comfortable and pleasant. After I came out of the bath Maj. Hamilton and myself took a long walk down Broadway to the Battery, and thence up to the market in Water Street to No. 11 Cherry Street where I am staying. This city cannot boast of such a place as our Common in Boston. The Battery, 'tis true, is very pleasant, but not so elegant as the Common Broadway. The Court House in this city far surpasses any building I ever saw or heard of. It is situated on what is called the Park, near Broadway—facing South—with large wings built entirely of white marble, with a large statue on its summit being three stories high. I notice that the people here do not build so lofty houses as the Bostonians—perhaps they are not so high-minded.

Saturday—19th

Went to the bath house. Then I went to the circus and rode on the velocipede, which is a new machine. One will travel as rapidly on one of these as on a horse, and it is supposed with less fatigue. It is propelled along with a very slight touch of the feet.

Thursday—24th

Very sick, taking violently with vomiting. Dr. Sewall called on me. He is just from Washington City. I, being rather better at 11 o'clock, walked out with Dr. Sewall and Gen. Stevens.

Friday, June 25th, 1819
Very warm. Dr. Sewall dined with Maj. Hamilton at 11 Cherry Street. After dinner took leave of us and sat out for the Eastward.

Monday—28th
Very warm. Closely engaged in the common pursuits of the present time. Eve: Attended a concert of Sacred music at Rev. Mr. Spring's Church.

Tuesday—29th
Abstracting accounts for the first and second quarters, ending on the 30th June, 1819. Eve. at Mr. Sacies, friends of the Hamiltons. This family is Jewish. The young ladies entertained us very much with some most excellent songs.

July, 1819. New York. Friday—2nd
Maj. Hamilton has employed his cousin, Mr. Wade, to assist me in completing the task before me, that is, finishing the abstract accounts.

Thursday—8th
Writing. Very cloudy. Evening I walked on the Battery. Finished abstracting accounts for purchases for first and second quarter ending June 30th, 1819.

Friday—9th
Received intelligence today that the Yellow Fever is prevailing in Boston, and also Philadelphia.

Monday—12th
Having now finished the papers which are to be settled at Washington, have nothing to do but to pack them up, which I accordingly did.

Tuesday—13th
Packed up the trunks in order to leave for Washington City in the mroning.

Wednesday—14th
Took leave of the good people in this city of N. Y. at 5 o'clock, and went on board the steamer for Staten Island, and then was transported to Philadelphia City, via Brunswick, Trenton and many other pleasant towns, and arrived at the first mentioned place at half past six, being a distance from New York City of about 98 or 100 miles. This is travelling very rapidly. Quite fatigued. The roads were very dusty and the weather exceedingly hot.

Thursday—15th July.
At the Renshaw Hotel in Philadelphia City. Maj. Hamilton and myself went into the museum, where we saw innumerable curiosities. This is said to be the first museum in the United States. The streets in this city are cleaner than those of New York, but these are not as clean as those of Boston. I noticed as we were riding through the country Eastward of this city that the crops of grain are very abundant, corn is rather forward, but suffering much for rain. Many farmers build their barns of stone in the state of Jersey and this state. Also their dwelling houses and meeting houses, which last a considerable time. They, however have a queer appearance.

Friday—16th
Took the steam boat at 5 o'clock and passed down the river Delaware as far as New Castle, Delaware, and from there we were transported over to Elkton, State of Maryland, where we stopped. Called on Col. Sewall as soon as I arrived and he received me very warmly. His situation is very pleasant and commands a fine view. Drank tea with him.

Sunday—18th
Forenoon walking about town. Maj. Hamilton and myself took a nice bath in fresh water near a saw mill. At one o'clock took the steam boat "New Jersey" and came to Baltimore, where we stopped for the night. Chesapeake Bay affords a very pleasing and beneficial prospect as one passes along as far as Baltimore.

Monday—19th
Took the stage for Washington City at five o'clock in the morning, and arrived at that city at twelve—much fatigued. I was not a little surprised on finding Washington to be so small a place—it resembles the country more than the city. The houses are a

considerable distance from each other. Called on a Mr. Robert Sewall, by whom I was made known by a letter from Mr. Sewall of Mass. This gentleman is very rich and lives in great style on Capitol Hill. His family consists of eight children, all of whom have had a good education. His son, Robert, has been liberally educated. I saw one of the young ladies. She is very beautiful. Walked about the city which is admirably calculated for a city, have so even and regular land for the streets, but I fear it will never be very extensive.

Tuesday, July 20th, 1819

Very warm. Removed from the stage house to Mrs. Queen's Boarding House, where I pay only $5.00 per week. Not doing anything of consequence, but am quite at leisure, which to me is too dull. Employment is preferable on all occasions.

Wednesday—21st

At my boarding house pretty much all day Maj. Hamilton removed to my room and will continue with me until we leave this city.

Saturday—24th

I am sick and tired of this dull place. Nothing here to amuse one. No acquintances. Hope I will soon be out of this place. Went to bath house, and took a warm bath, which makes me feel quite cool.

Sunday—25th

Went with the Queen family, with whom I board, to meeting at Roman Catholic Church, and I might as well stayed at home, for I did not understand a word. Eve: Attended meeting at the Church opposite the President's house where I was much better entertained than in the morning among a handful of Gabbering Catholics. Eve. I went to Georgetown.

Tuesday—27th

Met with Mr. Russel Ball, a gentleman with whom I used to board while in Boston. In afternoon friend Ball and myself rode down as far as Alexandria, Virginia. We found it to be quite a pleasant and agreeable situation on the southwest bank of the Potomac. Its streets are well laid out and kept tolerably clean. It also has many handsome and neat houses for public worship. This place is seven miles below Washington City, and the ride is very pleasant at this season of the year as everything is in its most perfect bloom. Returned by the way of Georgetown, which was but a little out of our way. Evening went to the theatre. Saw Robert Sewall's family. The play was good and well managed.

Wednesday—28th

Not very well today, which is owing to my having been out late last night at the theatre. Friend Ball left this city for Boston in stage.

Friday—30th

Saw a very splendid Masonic funeral pass by near my boarding house. Which reminds me of the end and short duration of man.

August, 1819. Sunday: 1st

Attended meeting at the Presbyterian Church near the Capitol where I heard a very excellent pious good man, who at present is on a mission stationed for a short time. He is one minister who can give the same instructions as those which I have from my infancy cherished—the same doctrines which my parents and many of my friends firmly believe in—YES—CALVINISTIC sentiments, orthodox. These, I am proud to say, are the doctrines I have been educated in, and these only I wish to believe in.

Monday—2nd

At home in my room at Mrs. Queen's, Pennsylvania Ave.

Saturday—7th

Robert L. Vose here from Augusta, Maine. By him I received a letter from sister Susan.

Thursday—12th

Writing letters to sister Abby and Mary, and Maria Dutch, all which I intend to send to Robert Vose, Esq., who expects to return to Augusta in the morning.

Monday, August 16th, 1819

Saw Robert Sewall, Jr., who gave me (at last) an invitation to go out and visit the family, a distance of 12 miles or more. It is doubtful, however, whether I go or not.

Saturday—21st

Very pleasant. Our business is coming to a close very rapidly.

Sunday—22nd

Attended meeting at the Presbyterian Church, near the capitol. Here I had the pleasure of meeting with Col. Sewall from Elkton, Maryland. He will remain here for a few days in this city.

Tuesday—24th

Fine weather. Went to the war office with Maj. Hamilton. A duel has been fought this day by two young officers, one a cadet and the other a marine officer. The cadet, aged 17 was killed dead on the spot. Took tea with Col. Sewall at the Mansion Hotel, and spent the evening with him.

Wednesday—25th

Went to the war office with Maj. Hamilton, and thence to Georgetown. Returned before dinner. P. M. Col. Sewall, and his friend, Mr. Thomas, Maj. Hamilton, and myself went to the capitol. Returned and took tea at Mrs. Queen's, and then went to the theatre.

Thursday—26th

Col. Sewall and his friend left this city for their respective homes this morning, in the stage. They both gave Maj. H. and myself pressing invitations to take their residences in on our way, and spend a week or two with them, but I think our business will deprive us of the pleasure.

Saturday—28th

Packing trunk to be in readiness to leave this city in the morning. Dull weather.

Sunday—29th

Took the stage at half past five, and came to Frenchtown per stages and steamboat. Dined at Baltimore. The yellow fever is raging with havoc. Capt. Hamilton proceeded on to New York, but I remained and came to Elkton on a visit for a few days with Col. Sewall and family.

Monday—30th

At Col. Sewall's.

Tuesday—31st

Went out to North East in company with Mrs. Sewall and some of the Elkton ladies (who are very beautiful) to visit the widow Sewall's family.

September, 1819: Friday—3rd

Up early, and walked to Elkton by noon. Very warm. Went to Frenchtown in the evening with my trunks in order to be ready to proceed in stage to New York, which will leave there at twelve o'clock for New Castle.

Saturday—4th

On board the Steamboat and proceeded up the Delaware to Philadelphia. Owing to my having passed through Baltimore, which at this time is very sickly, I, with many others, was not allowed to go to Philadelphia, was ordered to land at Campden, opposite where we performed quarantine 4 or 5 hours. Then we took the steamboat for Trenton where we arrived at 3 P. M. Then I proceeded in the stage to Brunswick, pushed on in an extra stage and steamboat, and came to New York by 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

Sunday—5th

At 6 o'clock called at Maj. Hamilton's and found him tolerable well.

Monday—6th

Not well. At Mr. Hamilton's waiting to start with him for Boston, which will be tomorrow.

Tuesday—7th

Very warm. 16 cases of Yellow Fever reported by the health committee this morning. The inhabitants are very much alarmed. Eve. Sat off in steamboat with Maj. Hamilton for Boston. The boat will sail all night.

Wednesday—8th

Came to New Haven. The boat will remain

till 7 o'clock this evening, it being commencement at Yale College. I attended part of the services, but could not hear much owing to the crowd that kept me back. Went into the old Gothic Church which appears quite antiquated. Also went into the graveyard, which is remarkable for the many marble monuments and inscriptions. Also the singular manner it is laid out. Having seen and heard all, my steamboat FULTON set out for Norwich at the time mentioned before, and will continue all night. Eve: Late—The boat is now passing down from New Haven. There being considerable swells many of the passengers were very sick.

Thursday, September 9th, 1819

Morning early—Nearly in sight of Norwich. Have not had much sleep during the last night owing to the noise of the boat. Came to Norwich at sunrise. After having taken our breakfast proceeded into port. Coaches for Boston via Providence. Dined at Scituate, R. I., and came into Boston by 10 o'clock evening. Found all well at No. 2 Bowdoin Square.

Friday—10th

Called on all my friends in town who are all well and were gratified to see me. Afternoon saw Captain John Soule, who has just arrived from Augusta. By him I learned of the continued good health of the family. Evening: took a warm bath. The sickness of this place has mostly subsided.

Saturday—11th

Not well. Walking about town. Wrote father per mail, and also friends Col. Sewall, and Dr. Sewall.

Sunday—12th

Had a very sour stomach and did not feel so well so did not attend any meetings this day.

Monday—13th

Commenced making a statement of cash allowed vouchers for Capt. Hamilton which I will be able to finish by tomorrow, and then I intend to take leave for the Eastward by Packet.

Tuesday—14th

Finished the statements and put all papers in good order. P. M. Put my trunks on board the packet Messenger bound for Hallowell, Me. As I was passing up the Bowdoin Square I had the extreme pleasure of meeting my father and mother, who have just arrived from Augusta, to remain here until Friday. My father, being one of the founders of the Foreign Missions. Took them to Bowdoin Square No. 2 at my boarding house, where they drank tea with me. Introduced them to my good friend, Maj. Hamilton. My father and mother then left and went to the lodging prepared them by the board. I went on board the Packet after having taken leave of Maj. Hamilton and other good friends at No. 2 Bowdoin Square. Left Boston at 8 o'clock, and put out to sea. A considearble number of passengers on board this packet. The wind is very fair and all probability we shall be at the mouth of the Kennebec River by tomorrow night. I met two Baptist Ministers on board. One was the Rev. Mr. Morse, who I have seen at Augusta. We had prayers which is very suitable on this occasion. We then turned in for the night.

Wednesday—15th

Calm. Sequin Light House nearly in sight. I have been very sick all night. P. M. With a light breeze from the southwest the vessel put into the Kennebec River and came up as far as Parker's Flats, and came to an anchor for the night.

Thursday—16th

By the help of the tide and small breeze we are able to get under way. Stopped at Bath a few minutes. I called at Mr. David Sewall's and saw only his wife—all well. Proceeded up the Kennebec River with tolerable good wind, but were obliged to come to an anchor at the narrows as the tide is too strong against us to get further. Most of the passengers went on shore to ramble around for exercise, I with the rest. Returned to the packet by sunset.

Friday—17th

Heavy fog. Still at the narrows. 9 o'clock

A. M. weighted anchor, and proceeded up the river with a delightful breeze. Stopped a moment at Gardiner. Went on shore, and the first person I met was Dr. Sewall of Ipswick, on a visit here. This was most gratifying, but as I had no time to lose we talked as fast as two could, and I then went to the vessel, and we passed on to Hallowell. I walked from thence to Augusta where I arrived at 2 o'clock P. M., and found sister Susan only at home. She was very happy to see me, I having been absent for 16 months. I was equally as pleased to enter the **Mansion**, my father's roof. Sister Mary is at Chesterville. Saw sister Abby.

Saturday—18th: September, 1819

At 9 o'clock sat off for Castine on business for Maj. Hamilton. Dinner at Hamlin's, and arrived at Belfast at eight o'clock in the evening. Put up at Mr. Hughes' Tavern.

Sunday—19th

Went on board the packet for Castine by 2 o'clock. Distance of 14 miles across the Bay of Penobscot. Put up at a Mr. Lakeman's. Dined and attended church. Heard Rev. Mr. Mason. Saw my old school mistress, Miss Holtrook. She informs me that her brother, whom I have come solely to see, has gone to Boston. Consequently I can do nothing, I fear. Perhaps his partner can accomplish this business. Evening at Mr. Hooks. Saw Miss Mary Ann Moore, whom I have had the pleasure of an acquaintance at Hampden.

Monday—20th

Cold. High wind N. E. Saw Mr. Holtrook's partner, Mr. J. Brook, but cannot accomplish exactly the particular object of my tour to this place from Boston. Returned to Belfast in Packet by Penobscot. Very strong wind in the Bay. Took my horse which I had left at Mr. Hughes on Saturday, and rode out to Montville and put up.

Tuesday—21st

Sat off at 7 A. M. Dined at Hamlin and arrived in Augusta at 2 P. M. Found all our friends well at father's. He has not returned yet from Boston. Wrote Maj. Hamilton how unsuccessful my trip was to Castine. Also to Mr. Holtrok at Boston, directing him to call on the Maj. Hamilton at No. 2 Bowdoin Square. Both of which will go in the mail tomorrow. I saw them posted in due form.

Thursday—23rd

Called on brother Charles who lives near the farm which he has the privilege of improving, but, horrid to remark, I found him living in a poor and distressed manner, with hardly the comforts of life. This, however, is his own fault, but as he does not manage right, owing to a **certain fault** he is to be pitied. As he is a brother I cannot pass by without granting him the common necessaries of life, but further than this propriety otherwise dictates, for he has had more done for him than the rest of the children, and if he would only reform he might live an independent life, and above board, too. But I have my fears whether this will ever be the case. I have—I must—take a lesson of instruction. Called at Mr. Brook's on my way home. Here I was extolled and complimented to such a degree that it had almost the same effect as a powerful ipecac would. In fact, I was **stuffed** to such a degree that I was a little afraid that I would not get home until night. Returned home by noon.

Monday—27th

We had a tremendous rain the last night. At home writing in my journal, and packing up private papers in order to leave next week for Boston. We heard from father, and from what he writes he will be home by the last of this week. Mother bears the fatigue of the journey remarkably well, as also father. I think it will be a great service to them both.

Tuesday—28th

Uncle Jotham and wife called at father's on their return from Penobscot, and brought with them Aunt Rebecca Crosby. Uncle has been moving one of his sons to Bangor, who will remain there until he finishes his studies at the Theological School at that place, this being preparatory to his going into the ministry. Friend Vose and myself went out a little back of this settlement to shoot, but were not successful.

Thursday—30th
Sat off with my friend Vose, with horse and chaise for Chesterville. Dined at Mr. Elias Craig's, Fayette, and arrived at Chesterville by sunset, where I found my sister Mary well and very happy to see me.

October, 1819: Friday—1st
At Uncle Jotham's. Went out and called on Cousin Oliver and wife, 1½ miles from here. Sat off for home by 11 o'clock. Dined at Fayette, and arived at Mr. Craig's by 3 o'clock P. M. Here we were pressed to stay all night. Started for home in the morning.

Saturday—2nd
Morning. Sailing on the pond near Mr. Craig's in a fine pleasure boat. Sat off for home by 12 o'clock and arrived at one. I have not as yet received any letter from Boston. This is something strange. Where my friend Hamilton can be, or what he is doing is a mystery to me. Attended prayer meeting at Mr. Snow's. Not but a few people present. I was called to make a sermon, which I did.

Sunday—3rd
Attended meeting all day. After dinner went to the funeral of Miss Susan Hoyt and attended as a Pallbearer.

Monday—4th
Mother and father returned from Boston in good health and fine spirits.

Tuesday—5th
Received a letter from Maj. Hamilton. He has not been able to answer my draft which I drew on him to the amount of $300.00. Horrid disappointment, as I calculated solely on this to settle all my affairs here, to be in readiness to depart to the South on the earliest information from Elkton. Answered this letter per evening mail.

Thursday—7th
Very warm. Sup. Ind. Court setting this week. Judge Welch present.

Friday—8th
Great crops of corn are coming in this fall.

Wednesday—13th
Saw Capt. Nye and engaged passage for Susan and myself for Boston. We will sail by next week.

Wednesday—20th
Rainy. Went to Hallowell on foot. Father carried sister Susan in chaise. We went on board the packet. Susan is to accompany me to Boston on a visit among her friends for the benefit of her health. As Capt. Nye will not sail until the afternoon we went to Mr. J. Sewall's, and waited. The vessel sat off at 2 o'clock, with not a very favorable prospect for a fair wind. Our company is rather pleasant, but small.

Thursday—21st
The vessel came as far last night as the old Court House, Dresden. At Eight o'clock we got under way without wind and towed the vessel to Bath. The wind breezed up from the South making more progress. The vessel came to an anchor near the foot of Swan Island for the night.

Friday—22nd
Wind N. E. 9 o'clock set sail for Bath where the vessel arrived by 4 o'clock P. M. As the weather appears rather unfavorable to our putting to sea it is most advisable to remain here for the present.

Saturday—23rd
Fine morning, but the wind is blownig strong from the South and Eastward. Susan went to Mr. David Sewall's where she will remain until the vessel starts. I dined with Mr. Sewall's family. Wrote father and Dr. Sewall per mail.

Monday—25th
Pleasant weather. Set sail at quarter past ten this morning, and came down as far as Jones's Eddy. Eve. Snow storm.

Tuesday—26th
Quite a winter morning. The ground covered with snow. Weighted anchor, and came as far as Parker's Flats, and waited for a wind. Went on shore to Mr. Emmon's. Returned by sunset. Cold.

Wednesday—27th
Noon making good way for Cape Ann Lights. We have about 100 or 180 persons in company. Eve: Have been sick today. The wind continues to breeze and we shall be on our way all night.

Thursday—28th
At sea. Headwind from S. W. After beating off and on and not being able to get around the cape we were under the necessity of putting back into Portsmouth Harbor, a distance of 30 miles, where we anchored by noon. P. M. Went to Portsmouth town, a distance of two miles. Some passengers took stage for Boston. Sister Susan (on account of being so sick) and myself, called on Mrs. Cooper where we had the pleasure of meeting with cousin Parsons. Returned at night.

Saturday—30th
Wind began to breeze from N. W. We shall put to sea by 10 o'clock A. M. Came out the hour anticipated and if the wind increases from N. W. shall continue to sail all night. We have in company 200. This renders our passage still more pleasant. I have not been sick enough today to vomit. Susan has been sick, however, but not as sick as when we were out at sea before. 10 o'clock evening passed Cape Ann lights. The sea being very smooth we kept on until we saw the Boston lights in sight.

Sunday—31st
The vessel came into the harbor by 3 A. M. Susan and myself attended meeting at Park Street Church. Heard Rev. Mr. Fisk. At noon Susan and myself went to Mr. Jenkins'. Here Susan will stay a few days. I took lodging at Mrs. Williams', at No. 54 Court Street.

November, 1819: Monday—1st
Walking about town, and calling on many of my old friends. I find my old boarding house at No. 2 Bowdoin Square is broken up, as the person has failed. Dined with Edward Jones, Esq., and a few of his friends, late from Charleston.

Tuesday—2nd
Wrote Maj. Hamilton, directing him at No. 286 Water Street, New York City.

Wednesday—3rd
Walked out to Roxbury with Susan, and called on Mrs. Tucker, (who was formerly a Sautelle). Susan remained, and I returned to Boston. Drank tea at Mr. Jenkins' in the evening. Then I went out to Roxbury and remained with Mr. Beza Tuckers for the night.

Thursday—4th
Came into Boston and at twelve took stage and went to Ipswick. Then I came to Chebano, and put up at Dr. Sewall's. I may remain here a week or two.

Saturday—6th
Wrote to Susan and Mr. Morris B................ at Boston. Rode to Ipswick. Brought my trunk to Dr. Sewall's. Cold riding.

Monday—8th
Went with Dr. Sewall in horse and chaise to Salem on business. Called on William Burley, Esq., to whom I had an introductory letter from father. I was received very cordially and politely. Having finished my business, I returned as far as Beverly and took lodging with Mr. Burley.

Tuesday—9th
At Mr. Burley's. Stormy. Sat off for Chebano, where I arrived by dark.

Wednesday—10th
Sat off again for Salem to arrange business for my friend, Dr. Sewall. I arrived at Salem by noon. Saw his attorneys, who think the case will be called on by morning. Put up at Deacon Safford's.

Thursday—11th
Damp weather. Not very well. Sat off from Salem at 12. Dined at Beverly with Mr. Burley, and arrived at Ipswick at dusk. Rev. Mr. Colby and wife called at the Dr. S and on their way home from the Eastward. They are now on their way to Middleboro where Mr. Colby is settled.

Friday—12th
Employed myself reading in the Dr. Sewall's study.

Tuesday—16th: November, 1819
Sat off in company with Dr. Sewall, with his horse and chaise for Salem to attend the S. J. C., before whom the Doctor's TRIAL is to be determined. After a full hearing (before Judge Putnam) the Court gave sentence that Dr. Sewall be fined on each indictment the sum of $400.00, and cost of Court—total amount $848.00. This is greatly to the surprise and disappointment of many. Half this sum was only expected, but it is all right. Went to Boston. No pressing business for the Doctor when I arrived by 8 o'clock evening. Put up at Mrs. Howard's, No. 2 Bowdoin Square.

Wednesday—17th
Called on several gentlemen, as requested by Dr. Sewall, but owing to certain circumstances, the object was not accomplished. Called on sister Sue. She is well, and will be in readiness to return with me by Friday. Very rainy.

Friday—19th
Took Susan to Mrs. Howard's boarding house, and at 3 o'clock sat off for Ipswick alias Essex. Came to Mr. Burley, Esq., by dark, and put up for the night.

Saturday—20th
After dinner sat off for Essex, and arrived at Dr. Sewall's by sunset. Found the Doctor in good spirits and all things arranged in fine order. He is preparing to take his departure for the South immediately.

Monday—22nd
Sat off for Boston with Dr. Sewall. We arrived by 6 P. M.

Tuesday—23rd
At Mrs. Jeffries. Very rainy. Dr. Sewall left Boston for Providence on his way to Washington City. I left Boston at 12 o'clock, and came to Essex by eight o'clock P. M.

Wednesday—24th
Snowstorm. Went with David Choats, brother-in-law of Dr. Sewall, to Ipswick town on business. Returned by sunset.

Thursday—25th
Went with David Choats in chaise to Gloucester, Cape Ann, on business for Dr. Sewall, which he requested us, when he left here. Returned by sunset.

Sunday—28th
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Crowell preached. Afternoon. A proclamation for a day of Thanksgiving.

Monday—29th
We are collecting slowly the demands of Dr. Sewall.

December, 1819: Wednesday—1st
Wrote to Ipswick town. Finding Lawyer Andrews rather slack in sending letters to more people, (who is one of the Dr. Atty's), I volunteered my services, and we together wrote most of them.

Thursday—2nd
Public Thanksgiving throughout this State, as well as through all the N. E. Dined at Mrs. Choat's. Drank tea and spent the evening with Mr. Perkins. The visit was rendered pleasant in consequence of having good music by singing and playing old music writings in '77 and '97.

Saturday—4th
Sat out with sister Susan for Old York. (Me.) Stopped a few minutes at Newburyport, and thence came to Rev. Mr. Webster's, Hampton, N. H., and put up. Very cold.

Monday—6th
Sat off with sister Susan. Arrived at Portsmouth (N. H.) by noon. After stopping a little while proceeded on for York, and ar-

rived at Mr. Ware's Hotel at sunset. Put up there.

Tuesday—7th: December, 1819
Left Susan at Mr. Ware's. From there she will proceed to Uncle Daniel Sewall's, a distance of 12 miles, in the stage. I took my leave of her, and directed my course back to Essex. Called on Judge David Sewall, York, and Rev. Mr. Dorn. Arrived at Portsmouth by noon, where I dined. There I met Capt. Kellogg of the U. S. Navy, whom I have seen at Washington City. From there I came to Hampton by sunset. Rev. Mr. Putnam, and wife, from Portsmouth, called at Mr. Webster's, and drank tea, being on their way to Newburyport to attend the ordination of Mr. Dimick to-morrow.

Wednesday—8th
Took an early breakfast and sat off in company with Mrs. Webster and friends for Newburyport, where we arrived in ample time to witness all the ceremonies of the ordination. Met with my old friend, Mr. B. Litcomb. Services commenced by 11 o'clock. At 3 o'clock I proceeded on my way and came to Essex by dark. Found all the family well at Mrs. Choat's. Remarkably mild weather for this time of year.

Thursday—9th
Evening at Capt. Perkin's, with friends.

Saturday—12th
At home in Dr. Sewall's study.

Monday—13th
Went to Gloucester, Cape Ann, and thence to Manchester and home. Evening went to Manchester with the Doctor's box. I packed and shipped same to Boston to be in the care of Mr. Davenport.

Tuesday—14th
Went to Salem via Ipswick town. Paid Dr. John Fisher $392.00 for Dr. Sewall. Returned by 7 o'clock in the evening. Moderate.

Wednesday—15th
Went to Recent in the afternoon and collected $39.00 for Dr. Sewall.

Thursday—16th
Packing the trunk and preparing for a departure to Mr. Sewall. Eve. Mr. David Choats took me in chaise to Manchester, and left me at Mr. Williams,' where I remained for the night.

Friday—17th
Cold—Took stage at 9 o'clock to Boston where I arrived by noon. All well. Found letters with a friend from Col. J. Sewall of Elkton, and father. **No extraordinary intelligence!!!** Evening at No. 2 Bowdoin Square.

Saturday—18th
Called on many of my friends. Evening shipped 10 dollars worth of coffee—39½ cents per sloop, (F. O. B.) delivered to my father at Augusta.

Monday—20th
Wrote home to father, and to Mr. D. Choats at Essex. Evening at Col. Jos. Mays.

Tuesday—21st
Cold. Wrote to sister Susan, now at Kennebunk. Also to Maj. Hamilton, stationed at Charleston, S. C. Eve: At Mr. Wm. Simons, where I took tea.

Wednesday—22nd
Very pleasant weather. Wrote to Dr. Sewall at Washington city. Shipped the box of medicine to him per Capt. Bears, bound for Washington.

Thursday—23rd
Took stage and came to Providence, R. I. (Fare $3.00). Dined at Half Way House, ($.50), and put up at Mr. Blakes—stage office. By evening I find a packet will be in readiness for New York by Saturday, wind and weather permitting, and by this conveyance I intend to go to that place.

Saturday—25th
CHRISTMAS!!! Very cold. Went into the Church at this place during the service. The church was highly decorated with evergreens and with much taste. Settled my bill at Blake's. ($2.00), porter $.50) and sat off in packet for New York. Wind N. W. Very

cold. Four gentlemen passengers, and one lady. Evening came to anchor at Newport, R. I., 30 miles from Providence.

Sunday—26th: December 1819
Very cold head wind. Attended meeting at Episcopal Church. Had fine sermon.

Monday—27th
Sat sail very early, with a tolerable breeze, for New York. Have been some considerable sick. On account of the wind it is most advisable to make a harbor if possible.

Tuesday—28th
Up at the Wharf Harbor of New London, Conn. Roving about this city like one who has too much time to make it pass agreeably and comfortably.

Wednesday—29th
Head wind yet at the Wharf. The only way to make this situation comfortable is to compare it with a worse one. A thousand circumstances might have been which would have placed us in a very bad situation, but here we are safe in a good harbor, on board an elegant packet, with plenty of good fuel to keep us warm, plenty of provisions, and what is better, a few good passengers to make the time pass off pleasantly. This is more than one should expect this season of the year.

Thursday—30th
Early wind at N. E. Put out to sea and were doing very well until noon when a violent storm commenced. We could not carry much sail. At 4 o'clock we were in sight of Black Rock harbor, and endeavoring to put in, met with an accident. Broke the main mast part off, and it went overboard. We immediately threw our anchors and paid out 70 fathom of cable in 7 fathom of water. Here the vessel rode until 12 o'clock night in a tremendous sea rising 50 feet high, and at last parted both of her cables and went adrift, and struck a large reef of rock which lay near us. Very providentially for us, she was let off by a heavy sea without receiving much damage. We found ourselves somewhat relieved from our perilous situation. I froze both my hands severely while laying out anchor, and one of my toes slightly. We sat what little sail we could on our vessel and endeavored to make our way the best we could up the sound, but had not proceeded far before we met the wind from the S. W., and we were under the necessity of getting our vessel about. This we accomplished with no small difficulty, for our rudder was broken, and partly gone. The wind again directed N. W., and we could do nothing now but give her up to the wind and waves. We considered that our time was very short; that Death must be our portion. At 5 o'clock morning we found our vessel standing on a sound beach and was driven within half a mile from the shore. The wind continued to break over her with great violence. She bilged much, and the water came over our cargo which consisted mostly of lime. Here we remained until nearly night. The storm was so bad that none could come to our assistance. We at last got to shore safely, with all our effects, but with no small difficulty.

Friday—31st
I never felt a greater source of thankfulness than at this time when walking up the banks to the dwelling house of Mr. Scudder where we put up. We were here received with politeness and tenderness. I conceive the deliverments to be very great mercy, and one, too, I had least expectation of. But He who controls all things has more care over us than we are willing to acknowledge. May I ever keep this transaction in sight, and when under contemplation give thanks to Almighty God. This whole thing seems more like a dream than a reality. I can take nourishment having taken none for 36 hours. My hands are painful. It is a great mercy they are no worse.

January—1820
On way to New York.

Saturday—1st
Quite worn down with fatigue, and very low

spirited, being among strangers, 50 miles from New York, and 300 miles from home.

Sunday—2nd: January 1820
A violent fever attacked me. Threatens to lay me up, but by medical aid I am inclined to think I can throw it off in a few days.

Tuesday—4th
I am slowly mending. Went to the stage house, a distance of five miles in sleigh, with all my baggage, aided by one of our passengers, who took great care of me during my sickness. Put up at the stage house.

Wednesday—5th
Up very early and breakfasted. Then took stage for New York, where I arrived at dark. I went to Mr. H. D. Sewall's, where I was kindly received. I find myself greatly fatigued, and in much pain. Had I not been acquainted with Dr. Sewall I cannot tell what I would have done, for my funds were very short. Mr. S— wrote father and mentioned my predicament.

Thursday—6th
Had but little or no sleep during the last night. Had a physician to do up my hands, and who will visit me until I get sufficiently well to go on my journey. Very weak and low, as well as in dull spirits.

Saturday—8th
My health is better and my hands are doing well. Dr. Platt gave me much encouragement.

Tuesday—11th
Settled all my bills and made the necessary preparation to leave for Philadelphia in the morning in Port Coach.

Wednesday —12th
Sat off early and came to Elizabeth to breakfast. Cold. Dined at Trenton and arrived at Philadelphia by 9 o'clock. Put up. I met a gentleman, who seeing me in such a helpless situation, offered his services very kindly on the way, which I was happy to receive and accept. As he will pass Elkton he condescended to lodge with me and assist me.

Thursday—13th
After breakfast we were put into our coach. The sun had not quite gotten up, and the ride was very comfortable. We arrived at Elkton by 4. Dined at Wilson's, and then walked over (leaving my baggage at Wilson's) to Col. Sewall's, where I was kindly received. Here I find letters from Dr. Sewall, who is anxiously waiting to see me at Washington. My hands are better today, and my health is somewhat improved.

Friday—14th
At Col. Sewall's, and confined to the house mostly.

Saturday—29th
Heavy rain during the last night. Four o'clock P. M. took stage in Union Line for Abington, Maryland. Came to the Susquehanna River at 9 o'clock. The road between that and Elkton was very bad and dangerous. Passed over the Susquehanna on the ice on foot to Havre de Grace, ¾ of a mile. The walking was very wet. I put up for the night at this place. Very much fatigued.

Sunday—30th
Took stage at 7 o'clock and passed on. Breakfasted at Bush and arrived at Abington at 10 o'clock. Having an introductory letter to Mr. Charles Sewall of this place, I made a call on him, and here I was cordially received. Mr. Sewall and children gave us some most excellent music on the piano and violin. Mr. Sewall has a great musical talent and has, I think, many of the peculiarities of the "Mokevor" family—a sort of Philosophied reasoning (if it be not vain to use this expression) like many of our most distinguished men in that section of the country near the waters of the Kennebec.

Monday—31st
COLD, Real March weather. Remained at Mr. Sewall's.

February, 1820: Tuesday—1st
Went with Mr. Sewall, on horseback, to a plantation 2 miles South of here, which is

to be bought for $2000. This is said to be very cheap. Were I only in a suitable position I would have certainly purchased this farm. On the way home my horse took fright and ran away with me, and endeavoring to recover the reins I lost balance and fell to the ground. I fortunately received no material injury, other than that of a violent bruise on my right thigh. I should not have fallen had my hands (which are tender yet) been so much encumbered with gloves and mittens. P. M. Feel very stiff and sore from my fall. I seem to be very unfortunate and yet very fortunate, too. I hoped my life is spared for some great end.

Wednesday—2nd: February, 1820

P. M. Went with Mr. Sewall to Mr. Cunningham's, where there were a number of great men of Harford Co. assembled for the purpose of arguing on the propriety of "imprisoning a man for debt." I listened with no small degree of attention to the various pieces of Mr. Maryland's eloquence, which was reasoned before a famous stern old country Squire of this village and two other sanctiful gentlemen, one of the Methodist order, and the other of the "Me and Mow" class. Much amused was I at this strange sort of harangue, as I here shall take the liberty of calling it. One gentleman in particular kept my mouth on a continual stretch in laughter. He arose with much dignity and addressed the Honorable President of the chair on the important occasion, and the way he describes inmost his calculation in the arrangement of his ideas, but tries to excel by hallowing!!! Oh, horrid, thinks I to myself. What would the boys of the N. E. call this, should they be present? But notwithstanding all this, there were certainly two very elegant speeches on this occasion, and they were by my friends, Sewall and Dr. A. The former gentleman far exceeded in my opinion as to real style and figure beyond them all, yet the latter played his part very fluently. But I became most tired of them before they finished, being with them from 3 o'clock P. M. until 10 o'clock at night. Returned to Mr. Sewall's quite late.

Friday—4th

Sat off on horseback, in company with Mr. Sewall and a few other gentlemen for Deer Creek on a fox hunt. We arrived on the grounds by noon, a distance of 13 miles, and dined at Mr. Miller's (who, by the way, keeps Batchelor Hall). At four o'clock the party, which was something large, had a fine chase after the BAG fox. I, however, did not follow, feeling that I might meet with some difficulty on commanding the horse, as my hands are most necessarily bound up. The party returned by dark and gave us the intelligence that the fox was disabled 4 miles from the place he was let out of the bag, and what is very remarkable, the fox having been kept up for a week or more, when let out, went directly straight to his own hole. This is always the case. Spent the night at Mr. Miller's.

Saturday—5th

Sat off early after breakfast with the company. After riding a distance of two miles we came to a good fox ground, and put up two foxes. Had I an opportunity of seeing the real beauty of this favorite amusement —I confess I never was more delighted with hunting than at this time, the sight of the fox, both of these are well calculated to animate the most desponding mind. I think I should soon give preference to this amusement rather than that of shooting. These foxes were pursued until noon, when as miscalculated, all the hounds were worn out. When we concluded we had had amusement enough we returned to Mr. Miller's, and partook of an elegant dinner. After dinner Mr. Sewall and our party proceeded on a distance of three miles at a Mr. Hopkins and put up for the night. Here I saw two of the largest ladies I ever saw in my life. The largest was Mrs. Hopkins. She with all, is rather handsome. The other is a young lady of 30 years, net weight, I presume, is at least 250 pounds. She looks like a meal bag full of meal tied in the middle.

Sunday—6th

At Mr. Hopkins. I regret to add here that the people of Maryland pay a little or no attention to this day. It would have been my wish to have returned to Abington last evening, and then have gone to some church —but this I cannot do—when we are in Rome we are necessitated to do as Rome does. Dined with Mr. Day near Mr. Hopkin's. Returned to Abington by 9 o'clock. Very bad riding.

Thursday—10th: February 1820
Cold. Took stage at 11 o'clock A. M. for Washington city via Baltimore. Severe snowstorm from N. E., which renders the roads much worse than before. Arrived at Baltimore at 3 o'clock, and put up at Mr. Baming's.

Friday—11th
Sat off at seven o'clock for Washington. Breakfasted 12 miles out. Arrived safely at 2 o'clock. Found the Doctor well and happy to see my face once more. Put up with him at Mrs. Queen's, Penn. Ave. The Doctor has a considerable share of business.

Saturday—12th
Went to the Capitol and looked into the Representative Chamber when they were in session. This room is truly elegant and grand. No news in Congress.

Monday—14th
Called on Mr. Richard Cutts and handed him a letter of introduction touching the subject of endeavoring to find employment in some of the Public offices here. He gave me no encouragement whatever. This must not discourage me. There is nothing like making a trial.

Tuesday—15th
Wrote Maj. Hamilton, who is at Augusta, Georgia.

Thursday—17th
Nothing new at Congress. The question of slavery is yet contended on both sides very very warmly by the first and most learned men of our country.

Friday—18th
Called with Dr. Sewall on Mr. Robert Sewall. Also called on Mr. Thomas Fillebrown, who is in the Navy Department here.

Saturday—19th
Hon. Mark L. Hill, a member of Congress from District of Maine, went with me to the Land office, and introduced me to Mr. Meegs and endeavored to procure me a situation in the land office department, but our exertions were unsuccessful this time.

Monday—21st
Very warm. At the Congress Hall hearing the debates relating to slavery.

Tuesday—22nd
Birthday of Washington. This morning was ushered in by loud peals of cannon from the Navy yard, and the day is much observed with much festivity. Eve: Fireworks at Mr. President's. Walking with ladies.

Friday—25th
Delightfully pleasant. Went down to Alexandria with Dr. Sewall, and his friend Mr. J. Adams (son of President Adams) who is my roommate. Evening visiting with the ladies at Mr. Lenox's, where I was very agreeably entertained.

Saturday—26th
Went and had a view of a painting of General Washington, and his army crossing the Delaware at Trenton, 1776.

Tuesday—29th
Very warm. The slave question had been contested for with great warmth and zeal by both parties. It will slowly be brought to a close.

March, 1820: Thursday—2nd
The slave question is at last decided. Missouri is to come into the Union without restrictions south of 31.7 degrees, and of course Maine follows suit. Wrote father on the subject. The majority was only four. It would have been a tie vote had not some of the New York members been absent at that important moment. Ridiculous that they should be out of their seats at that moment.

Friday—3rd: March, 1820

I am much at a loss to know what course to pursue which will give me profitable employment. It appears almost a matter of impossibility. Every place seems hemmed up. But I will not despair—but trust to Providence.

Saturday—4th

Pleasant. Went with Hon. Mark Hill to the office of Secretary of War and I was introduced to Hon. C. C. Calhoun. He gave me no encouragement. I am satisfied that there is no chance to get in an office here.

Tuesday—7th

Sat off with Mr. Dr. Sewall, and horse for Prince George county, and came to Mr. Henry Thompson's, 4 miles below Piscataway*, where I found Miss Mary Queen Here I halted, it being the place of my destination. Very cold.

Thursday—9th

Continues cold and rainy. This renders my country visit rather dull as I cannot be favored with an excursion further down the Potomac. I have just learned that I may be fortunate enough to get a school in that vicinity—goodness to me.

Friday—10th

Today a gentleman in this vicinity has been kind enough as to furnish me with the pleasing intelligence that I can have a school 6 miles below this place consisting of 25 or 30 scholars at 20 dollars per head per year. This is more than I expected. I feel very thankful that I am so well favored. I shall endeavor to be on the ground by Wednesday next and make all the necessary arrangements to proceed to business. This school will be as good, and I think a little better, than a clerkship at Washington.

Saturday—11th

Sat off for Washington with Miss Queen, where we arrived at 3 P. M. Found Dr. Sewall and all our good friends at Mrs. Queen's well. The Doctor is much pleased with my success in the country and hopes it will prove much to my interest. Evening a small party at Mrs. Queen's. All were highly entertained with music and dancing.

Monday—13th

Making necessary arrangements to go down into Charles County for the purpose of taking a school.

Tuesday—14th

Packed my trunk. Called in the evening at Hon. Mark Hill's, who was very polite and attentive to me.

Wednesday—15th

Sat off at 6 o'clock for the country in a steamboat down the Potomac. Arrived at Mrs. Ward's at 10 o'clock in company with Mr. J. Queen. Here I shall stay until I can make the necessary arrangements to take my school.

Friday—17th

Mr. Ward and myself rode among the respective families to get subscribers to support my school. There is a prospect of obtaining 24 scholars. This number, although small, is better than none as times are very hard. I must not mind if I do no more than clear my expenses in this section of the country. There are thousands in the world that are much worse off than myself.

Saturday—18th

At Mr. Ward's. Walked down to the Pomonkey Warehouse*, one mile distant from this, where I saw a Justice Court in session. There is not half the dignity attached to these courts as I have seen in New England, and they are bad enough. Two justices, as is the practice here, convene at the most convenient place, maybe some carpenter's shop, which place is always cluttered up with various kinds of trash, seat themselves at a table, having near them a good stiff mug of whiskey, and then with an affected air of consequence they begin to deal out justice to those whom they have caused to be arranged before their judgment seat. All goes on tolerably glib. At last these **wonderful men** give dissatisfactory justice to some of the parties, and now all is in a bedlam, "you shall and you shan't," "I will be damned if this not law," etc. At last the Honorable men, to save their characters, smooth the subject in the best manner in their power, and then they adjourn. Oh, Maryland, what poor managers are thy laws of justice. But before these wise men leave the stand they have a good **blowout** with whiskey, and then go reeling home to their anxious families. What awful dissipation is in our own land yet.

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*Gardner 8 miles South of Augusta, Me.

*This is located near the bank of the Potomac.

Sunday—19th

No meeting at the Episcopal Church to-day. The Sabbath is hardly observed in this section of the country. HORRID, HORRID.

Monday—20th

Mrs. Ward has concluded to board me this summer. I shall therefore be pleasantly situated, commanding a very extensive view of the Potomac River, and of the shipping which is continually passing up and down the river. Also in the clear weather I have an elegant view of the mountains in the State of Virginia. Besides the steamboat passes every day.

Tuesday—21st

At Mrs. Wards which I shall term my home.

Thursday—23rd

Walked over to Mr. Tubman's. Here I find him just setting out for Portobacco. I sent by him a letter to Dr. Sewall to tell him to forward all my letters to Mrs. Ward's. From there I went to the school house near Mrs. Dent's, and also called on her. She signed my subscription for 3 scholars. She will also have the school house in readiness by Wednesday after Easter. That being a holiday and the two days preceeding, I cannot be allowed to commence till then. I am satisfied if they are. Returned home by noon. The walk is not too much, I find. From Mrs. Ward's to the school house is about the same distance as from Augusta to Hallowell, Maine, that I used to think was nothing. I now hope I may have a full school. Then I shall be well compensated for my long walks*.

Friday—24th: March, 1820

After breakfast I went down to the river, which is only one mile from our house, for the purpose of shooting ducks, which are very numerous here, but they were all too far off. Evening walked over to Mr. Hannon's, two miles distant from here, with Miss Ward. Here I was very delightfully entertained. Stayed all night here.

Saturday—25th

Up very early at Mr. Hannon's. After breakfast returned home with Miss Elizabeth Ward**. At 4 o'clock I sat off on foot for Prince George County, where I arrived before sunset. At Mr. Thompson's. All well. Very warm.

Sunday—26th

At Mr. Thompson's. Attended meeting at the Episcopal Church. Mr. Allen preached. I am informed that he is from Boston, Mass. A Yankee, of course. After the meeting I returned to Mr. Thompson's.

Monday—27th

Sat off at 11 A. M. for home, where I arrived by noon.

Tuesday—28th

Delightful morning. Walked down to Pomonkey warehouse, one mile from this place with Miss Maria Longden, who has been visiting the Ward's. Evening went to the shore with the gun to kill ducks, but did not find any. Called with Mr. Ward on Mr. Chapman, who lives near here.

Wednesday—29th

Dull and rainy. Wrote to father per mail. Wrote Mr. David Choats and Doctor Sewall per mail to go to Port Tobacco Post Office.

Thursday—30th

Very warm. The season is quite forward. Grain doing well. The planters have nearly finished plowing and seeding. Evening walked nearly over to Hannon's where I amused myself by shooting birds, etc.

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*This section has since gone back to wilderness, being the cone of Mattawoman Creek, a silt laden stream.

**Do not confuse this name with the woman he afterwards married, Eliza Ward Adams, a widow.

Friday—31st
The fishing season has commenced. Great abundance of Shad and herring*. Mr. Ward went up to Mr. Thompson's in Prince George County, and returned by evening. Brought me a package from Dr. Sewall, per Mrs. Queen, who is at Mr. Thompson's, which package contained letters from Mr. D............... of Boston, Mr. Charles Sewall of Abington, Mass. and Maj. Hamilton of Augusta, Georgia. The last I was expecting to receive a sum of money from, but I was disappointed. I think this is not doing me justice. A friend I shall lose by this man, for I cannot call him a gentleman. $300.00 hard earnings. But so it is, and I must look out better next time.

April, 1820: Sunday—2nd
Violent snow storm. The fruit I am fearful will be cut off by this unexpected change.

Monday—3rd
Fine weather again, but everything looks like the dead of winter. Miss Maria Hannon called here to spend the day. We all walked down to the Pomonkey warehouse and spent the remainder of the evening at Mr. Harris's with a few ladies.

Tuesday—4th
Returned to Mrs. Ward's by noon.

Wednesday—5th
Walked over to my school house in expectation of finding every thing in readiness to begin school. To my perfect astonishment and disgust I found that nothing had been done. What slackness, and poor management. Returned quite vexed. Evening at Mr. Harris's.

Mnoday—10th
Opened my school with the small number of 9. However discouraging this may seem I doubt not I shall have a good number. One cannot expect much at the very setting out in such kind of business.

Wednesday—12th
Received letters from father, sister Susan, Mrs. Eddy and Dr. Sewall. Father has been indisposed with a cold but is much better. Sister Susan has better health since her return from the Westward.

Saturday—15th
Beautiful day. Walked down to Mr. Chapman's fishing ground. Evening went with Miss Ward over Pomonkey Creek* on a visit to Miss Stoddard's. Here I was agreeably entertained by two old maids. Soon after our arrival Miss Thompson from Prince George County came.

Wednesday—19th
Mr. Caldwell, formerly of Essex, Mass. called on me, with an introductory letter from Dr. Sewall.

Thursday—20th
Mr. Caldwell has concluded to stay here for the day. We went to Mr. Thompson's after school.

Friday—21st
Took leave of Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Thompson by daybreak, and went back to Mrs. Ward's, thence to school.

Sunday—23rd
Saw Mr. Caldwell who has been persuaded to remain in this vicinity of Piscataway for the purpose of keeping a singing school.

Friday—28th
Catechised the children as usual according to the form adopted by the Episcopal churches. My number for this week is fourteen.

Sunday—30th
Walked in company with Miss Harris and B. Hannon. While at Hannon's I saw a beautiful Miss Jameson, sister of Doctor Jameson, who lives near here.

May, 1820: Sunday—7th
My trunk has not yet arrived at Washing-

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*See March 1930, Geographic Magazine, pages 387 to 390.

*Mattawoman Creek.

ton, it being already shipped at Boston by April 27. Attended Church.

Saturday—13th: May, 1820
Fine morning. Walked over to Mr. Hannon's with Miss Ward, from there to Doctor Jameson's.

Sunday—14th
At Dr. Jameson's. Returned home by dark. I was much shocked this day with such thoughtlessness of the young ladies at what came under my observation at Mr. Jameson's. Yes, on this Holy day, as I supposed it was considered by all people in a Christianity, yes, on this day I have been present where dancing and music was the order of this sacred day. I was not only present, but even persuaded by those present to join in this giddy dance. But I, who have lived and been brought up in the sober and rationed land of New England, and having from my infancy been instructed to "keep the Sabbath Holy," could not so far forget myself this night and join in so hideous a sin.

Wednesday—17th
Went out to my school house, and found the door nailed up and the scholars inside with one of the neighbors. This was done with the intention of preventing me from keeping school any more till after the Holy days. A foolish custom it is, too. I, rather than to have any difficulty, submitted, and gave them the rest of the week and all of the following one.

Saturday—20th
Up early and went down to Pomonkey warehouse, and after waiting some time for the tide to swerve, sat off with Mr. Harris in his sailboat for Alexandria, where I arrived by noon, distance 20 miles. Proceeded on foot to Washington, where I found my cousin, Dr. Sewall, and friends at Mrs. Queen's glad to see me.

Tuesday—23rd
Called on Mr. Fillebrown.

Thursday—25th
Came down to Alexandria on foot, and there met Mr. Ward of Charles County, who is here with a boat in which I shall take passage for home tomorrow. Spent the night at Mrs. Brockett's.

Friday—26th
Left at 4 P. M. for home, where I arrived at 11 o'clock P. M.

Saturday—27th
At home overhauling trunks, etc. Examining a wad of papers which I packed in my trunk when I left Augusta, Me., which trunk I brought from Washington. Worked at the school house making extra seats. Dined at Mrs. Dent's.

Wednesday—31st
Very rainy, which prevents me from attending my school, and the scholars, too.

June, 1820. Charles County, Maryland.

Monday—5th
Delightful morning!!! "Hark, how the feathered warblers sing. 'Tis nature's cheerful voice. Soft music hails the lovely spring, and wood and fields rejoice."

Saturday—11th
Up early and took a bath in the Potomac.

July, 1830: Saturday—15th
Rode out about 6 miles and attended a dancing school, where I saw a few ladies and many gentlemen.

Friday—21st
Went to Mr. B. Tubman's with the invitation to spend the night.

Saturday—22nd
From there I went to Mr. J. H. Smoots, Esq., and dined and then to Mrs. Briscoe's, and each of these places I was received with great attention. I returned by the way of Mr. Hannon's, where I took tea and arrived home by dark.

Tuesday—25th
Not very well.

Friday—28th
Mr. Richard Rowe expired last night. Dismissed my school for two weeks for the

purpose of recovering my health. Wrote my employers accordingly. Mr. Richard Rowe buried at Mrs. Ward's.

Saturday—29th
Sat off in sailboat at 8 o'clock, Captain Moore, for Washington, via Alexandria but did not arrive at the last place mentioned until dusk, owing to the winds. Not finding any ready conveyance I sat off on foot for Washington. Overrun by a heavy rain, and got very much wet. Arrived at Mrs. Queen's by 9 P. M. greatly fatigued and sick.

August, 1820. Washington: Tuesday—1st
Still at Mrs. Queen's. Sick.

Tuesday—8th
Wrote letter to C. Davenport at Boston. Health improved. Feel stronger today than I have for some time.

Wednesday—9th
Attended exhibition at the McCloud's Academy, and was much gratified with the performance. The house itself is fitted up in a very neat style, and certainly discovers much taste in its founder.

Friday—11th
Feel fine today. Purchased 17 volumes "Extracts Sacred," at 25c each. These I intend as school books in the country. Also an elegant map of the world for $5.00.

Saturday—12th
Very warm. Sat off at 7 A. M. in steambot for Mrs. Ward's*. Arrived at dusk. Wrote to father.

Monday—14th
Attended my school, and feel much better, but still am weak. Dined with Mr. B. Tubman, Esq. He has consented to board me the remainder of the season. By being so near the school and going home to my dinner I think my health will be benefited, and besides I will find more leisure time.

Tuesday—15th
Packed all of my things at Mrs. Ward's and took leave of them. Attended my school and feel much better.

Saturday—20th
Rode out to Mrs. Ward's, and thence to Pomonkey warehouse, and dined at Mr. Harris's. Returned home and called on Ward's on the way home. Received a letter from father.

Sunday—21st
Wrote home to sister Susan, a letter containing 27 sheets of letter paper. Walked over to Mrs. Dent's and took tea.

Saturday—27th
In my room writing a letter to Charles Sewall of Abington, Maryland. Rode with Mr. Tubman as far as Middletown, 6 miles from this place where is held every fortnight a dancing school.

Tuesday—29th
Attended the funeral sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Allen at Mrs. Ward's on the death of Mr. Richard Rowe. All the funeral rites were performed over the grave which is the custom instead of having them performed at the interment. At that time the grave is only filed up even with the ground and then when the funeral is over and fully performed the grave is rounded up. Went to the J. H. Smoots, Esq., and spent the night by particular invitation.

Wednesday—30th
Went to school from Mr. Smoot's.

September, 1820. Charles County, Maryland.

Saturday—2nd
Rode to Mrs. Ward's, and returned home to dinner. Evening went across the swamp to a horse race. Here I saw many of the candidates for election, who agreeable to the tmes here kept the decanter pretty well filled with whiskey and after finding out the passions of the people, each in his turn mounted a bench and made a speech to the audience setting forth in bombastic terms the great qualifications of a public office (two of which were offering for a State Assembly and one preparing a way for a seat in Congress) and of the great quality

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*Note the speed of the boat.

of business they each in their capacity accomplished during the last sessions, of the good and wholesome laws they had been the means of creating, and the most ridiculous mess of flumery. This is the custom, and to a man possessed of a delicate feeling it would be tolerably disgusting. This is all done to bring about their election further, 'tis down to purchasing votes, yes, purchase of these men who possess good judgment and understanding, buy their votes by a bottle of whiskey, horrid! The effect on society is incalculable. Here are drawn together men of all classes, some who can hardly get the common comforts of life by industry, for the purpose of dissipating their hours with drunkedness and profanity. They soon with their unrestrained hand repeat the draughts of the poisonous liquid, the enemy and destroyer of man, 'til their senses are lost, when raving like a mad man they fall in disputes which ends in brusqueness and sometimes death. This is in Maryland!!! This is found in a Christian land. Oh, Maryland, how long shall it be said that thy people are still continuing in the path of ruin? May Thy vices be arrested by time and give place to virtue. Then, and not until thy people will be happy.

Monday—4th: September, 1820

Attended to my school, which by this time practice has made it a pleasing business.

Tuesday—5th

After school by a particular invitation at Mrs. Briscoe's I saw the elaborate wedding of her daughter. This was quite splendid. After the nuptials were joined and coffee was handed around, music followed with dancing, as to the usual custom of this state. 'Tis said to be the common custom to have a great supper, but I saw nothing of this kind here. The party did not break up until very late. The ceremonies were performed after the Episcopal order. 'Tis said that the festivity is to be kept up for two or three days among friends. This I know nothing of by invitation.

Monday—11th

Heavy rain which was grateful to all for the tobacco was suffering.

Saturday—16th

Rode down to Port Tobacco. Evening visited dancing school held at Mr. McPhearson's, two miles east of Mattowoman swamp, where were assembled a large number of **Maryland's fair!!!**

Sunday—17th

Mr. Spaulding, the high sheriff of this county expired last night after a short illness.

Monday—18th

Dismissed school at 12 o'clock to attend the funeral of Mr. Clagett's daughter who died last night.

Tuesday—26th

Went to an electioneering near J. H. Smoot's. The people were assembled about 11 o'clock morning. An ox, sheep, nine chickens were dressed and prepared for dinner on the field. Dinner was served at two. After which the several candidates present proceeded to harangue the people, who had by this time become quite numerous. A barrel of whiskey was on tap, and the people without any restraint whatever were partaking largely of this poisonous liquid. Fighting and hallowing was the order of the ceremony, and was at a high pitch when I left the horrid scene*.

Saturday—30th

Went out shooting. Evening rode over to the dancing school, but there was not any, in consequence of the indisposition of the Fiddler.

October, 1820. Charles County, Maryland.
Monday—9th

Very heavy rain. Went to the school house but there being no scholars I returned home for the day. Very fine weather by noon. Evening. Writing letters and making out accounts of services for the last quarter.

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*It is evident this Northeast Yankee did not fit in just right in Maryland.

Friday—13: October, 1820
Warmer. Commenced collecting money due for quarter ending Sept. 30, but find they come in very slowly.

Saturday—14th
Rode with Mr. Tubman's horse to Doctor Jameson's. From there via Mr. Stonestreet's to Mrs. Ward's, and rested a little while. From there to Pomonkey warehouse, and put up an advertisement. From this place I returned part way and stopped at the Mr. D. Claggetts, Esq. Collected but little money today.

Monday—16th
Mr. Claggetts paid me $5 on account. Returned to Mr. Tubman's. Too cold to keep school. School house wants repairs.

Tuesday—17th
Attended funeral of Mr. Claggetts two little children. Sermon by Rev. Allen. I attended agreeably to my letter of invitation at 10 o'clock morning. Found a number of people assembled. The sermon was preached before dinner. Then all dined at Mr. Claggetts. After dinner we went to the place of interment where the remainder of the funeral was held and well celebrated. After this all dispersed to their respective homes.

Thursday—19th
Walked to Pomonkey warehouse via Mrs. Ward's, and engaged a passage to Alexandria in Mr. Harris's boat, which will leave to-morrow morning at 10 A. M.

Friday—20th
Delightful morning. Walked to Pomonkey Creek* and at 2 o'clock took passage to Alexandria. Arrived within one mile of the city and were compelled to come to an anchor in consequence of the wind leaving us and having a strong tide against us. Here I remained during most of the night. Very cold and disagreeable. Had little or no sleep. Went into the city at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Saturday—21st
Went to Claggett's Tavern and took breakfast. Felt very badly from having lost my regular hours of sleep last night. Busy most of the morning purchasing lumber to repair the school house. These, with a number of other things I put on board Mr. Harris's boat for Pomonkey Creek. He will go down to-night. Then sat off on foot for Washington where I arrived at half past two in the evening. Called on Dr. Sewall and found him quite well. When at Alexandria in the morning I saw a regiment of Militia out for review. Their uniforms far surpassed their discipline. This is quite enough to say respecting them. My friend, the Doctor, is quite rapidly increasing his popularity. Providence now seems to smile on his exertions. The health of the city is mending although there are a number of cases of fever and ague remaining.

Sunday—22nd
Attended meeting at Episcopal Church near the President's house.

Tuesday—24th
Called on friend Tenney at Fillerbrown's. At noon took passage in steamboat for home. Arrived at Chapman's landing at early sunset. From there I walked to Mrs. Ward's.

Wednesday—25th
Very cold. Walked home to Mr. Tubman's. All well. Had a letter from sister Susan. All well at home.

Saturday—28th
Remarkable heavy frost. Rode over to Mr. McPhearson's to attend Cotillion party, but not finding company sufficient proceeded on as far as Bendville 2 miles further up the swamp, where I remained until sunset. On my way coming home I attempted to pass down Mattawoman alone, and it being near night found considerable difficulty in keeping the track. I lost my way two or three times but, fortunately, came out near home without any accident. This swamp is rather dangerous place for a stranger to pass in the night.

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*Mattawoman Creek.

Tuesday—31st
Setting glass for schoolhouse. No person has been near the school house to make the necessary repairs.

November, 1820: Wednesday—1st
Went and read funeral services over the body of a Mrs. Ward, being at the solicitation of some friends. From there I went to Mr. Hannon's.

Monday—6th
Carpenters commenced work on the school house.

Friday—10th
My carpenter comes on very slowly. He is one of those species justly named SLOTH, that requires great exertion to go from one spot to another to find sustenance.

Saturday—11th
At home writing. Cold. My man, Friday, has not honored the schoolhouse with his presence today. Perhaps the weather may be a little too cold for his delicate health. But I must recollect that I am in the Southern, and not the Northern, region and am dealing with a Southerner, who has in comparison with the Yankees the same proportion as 4 does to 1.

Thursday—16th
Delightful morning. Walked over to Mrs. Diments and hear a sermon on the death of her Husband who died two months past. Prayers were read over the grave of the deceased. I was too late, however, to ascertain the merits of the sermon, but it was undoubtedly good, as Rev. Mr. Allen preached this occasion. From thence I walked to Mrs. Ward's, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth M. Ward.

Monday—27th
Doing a little of a cobbler's duty. Necessity is the mother of invention.

December, 1820. Maryland.
Friday—1st
At Mrs. Dent's. Severe weather. Returned home and finished reading "Journal of a Young Man of Massachusetts," who was a prisoner at Halifax and Dartmoore prison, England during the war of 1812 and 1815. This interesting work I commenced on Wednesday last.

Wednesday—6th
Sent my watch up to Alexandria by Mr. Harris. Riding about this neighborhood (Pomonkey) after scholars for the year 1821.

Friday—8th
Mending old clothes. This duty or task necessity compels me to accomplish.

Thursday—14th
At home making tables for changing the respective currencies in the United States to Federal money.

Tuesday—19th
Very dull morning. Received $10.00 being in full for one of my scholars.

Wednesday—20th
Elegant weather. Yesterday. I cut out two pair of drawers of woolen. Today I have finished making one pair. They fit real well.

Monday—25th
This is a holiday. For my part I continued at home reviewing my arithmetic in order to keep up the familiarity so necessary for a person of my profession. COLD.

Saturday—30th
Miss E. Ward will be married on Tuesday night to Mr. John Quinn. I received an invitation.

April, 1821: Sunday—1st
Damp weather. Visited Miss Ward's.

Wednesday—4th
Note quite so cold. Went from school to Mr. Hannon's. There I found a few ladies. We danced a little and laughed a little.

Friday—6th
The young company that I had the pleasure of being with at Mr. Hannon's are at Mrs. Ward's.

Saturday—7th
Sat off with Mr. Claggett's horse for Chick-

amuxen where I arrived by noon. Mr. Lee Speake was at home, but Mrs. A........ was not, as I feared, here*.

Sunday—8th: April, 1821
At Mr. Speake's, and wrote a letter to Mrs. Adams and left it with Mr. Speake's.

Monday—9th
Returned to Mrs. Ward's for breakfast, a distance of eight miles.

Wednesday—11th
Commencing to read "Coelebs in Search of a Wife."

Wednesday—18th
Dined at Mr. Tubman's on way to school. Found a few scholars collected. My children succeeded in turning me out in order to have a good Holy Day this Easter. I of course, consented.

Thursday—19th
Went to Mr. Stonestreet's, but could not collect any money**.

Friday—20th
Up early and went over to Dr. Claggett's fishing landing. Here, finding a vessel which is to leave for Alexandria in a few hours, I hastened home and made arrangements and returned, took passage and arrived in Alexandria by sunset. Proceeded on foot to Washington and came to Dr. Sewall's by 7 P. M. Found a letter from Mr. Barker. Quite fatigued.

Sunday—22nd: April, 1821.
Easterday. Visited the Columbian College, which has lately been erected near the President's. Dined with Mr. Fillebrown. Then went over to Georgetown. Passed the Monastery and saw many of the Nuns walking in the garden. Their faces were not visible. A large bonnet made of white cloth secluded them from the eyes of all. Some were dressed in black and others in white. Looked in the Catholic Church, and then went to the city. Retired early.

Monday—23rd
Purchased me some linens, etc. for some shirts. Came down to Alexandria on steamboat. Stopped at Hannon's.

Tuesday—24th
Up early and walking about the city for observation. Found the market indifferently poor. Took passage in vessel at 12 o'clock and came to Mr. Chapman's by 4 o'clock. This, I think, is a good and speedy passage performed in four hours, a distance of 23 miles against a heavy wind.

Wednesday—25th, April 1821.
Sat off with friend Ward's horse for Stumpneck or Chickamuxen and arrived at Mrs. Adam's about 11 o'clock.

Thursday—26th
At Mr. Lee Speake's. Time passes delightfully.

Friday—27th
Helping the ladies to make their gardens, etc., etc.

Saturday—28th
Warm weather. I find myself almost smitten in this object that has drawn me thus far from home. Yes, more than this, I am happy to find, too, that I have not placed amiss the affection.

Sunday—29, April 1821
A. M. went to Nanjemoy* Chuch After tea parted from my valuable friend and returned to Stumpneck.

Monday—30th
Up early and sat off for home, where I arrived before breakfast. Attended school.

May, 1821: Tuesday—8th
Commenced reading 3 volumes of "History of Modern Europe." The season is advancing rapidly. The forest has emitted its ver-

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*Mrs. A. refers to Eliza Ward Adams afterwards become his wife. She lived at this time about 9 miles Southeast from Pomonky's Landing at Port Tobacco, Charles Co., Maryland. Port Tobacco is one of Queen Mary's parishes as ordered divided for the purpose of collecting taxes to support the Church of England.

**School money for teaching.

*Manjemoy is in extreme Southwest part of Charles County, Maryland.

nal decorations and the spring, generally, has advanced to its annual perfection.

Friday—11th: May, 1821
Took tea at the Mr. Claggett's. Borrowed his horse for the purpose of riding to Washington City. Mr. Ward returned from Washington city and brought me the pleasing news of the safe arrival of the Doctor Sewall's wife, her brother, and our cousins.

Saturday—12th
Sat off for Washington on horseback and in company with Mrs. Rowe. Received a letter from father via Piscataway Postoffice, dated at Augusta April 1, 1821. Arrived at Washington at 2 o'clock. Warm and quite dusty. Father has answered my last very satisfactorily. Found Dr. Sewall and wife, Mary, and Emelina Webster, Rufus Choat all, at Mrs. Queen's boarding house. Happy, indeed, was the meeting. All my northern friends were well when they left. They have been only 9 days coming from Boston, via Baltimore, to Washington, a very quick passage.

Sunday—13th
Breakfasted with Mrs. Queen. Attended meeting at the Church.

Monday—14th
After breakfast left the city for home. Arrived by two. Warm. The trees are richly decorated in the native green.

Wednesday—16th
At noon time walked over to Mrs. McPhearson's to explain a note I wrote to her the other day, when her daughter cried to go home. She wrongly construed the meaning, thought I meant her dismissal as final. In fact, the note, I must confess, being written rather hastily, was rather ambiguous. I must be more careful when I address the Charles County ladies in the future.

Thursday—17th
Remained at home in consequence of the rain.

Saturday—19th
Sat off with Mr. Chapman's horse for Stumpneck. Arrived by 11. My friend, I am sorry to find, is below a distance of 10 or 14 miles.

Sunday—20th
Returned home after attending meeting. Went to Nanjemoy Church. Heard Rev. Mr. Young. Was glad to find my friend there. Accompany to Mr. Greer's, where we remained until sunset. Took my leave of Mrs. A........ and returned to Stumpneck with Mr. Speake where we found Mrs. Leer and friends from below. After we had arrived a short time Mrs. A........ came in, having been sent for by the ladies. Left my father's letter with Mrs. A..........

Monday—21st
Returned home to breakfast. Feel an uncommon depression of spirits in consequence of the occurrence of yesterday. How apt we are to imagine difficulties from the most trivial causes, and, on the other hand, how soon our expectations are raised on the every **pleasing look.** We suppose,.when our partiality is taken into consideration, or when we wish things to have a favorable result, we are apt to put favorable constructions on almost every gesture, and by that means, at some future period, are the sport of misfortune. These things have all been my experiences within the short period of three months. And today `I am completely **hipped.** Very low spirited. Have nothing that is positive, but some think, from all appearances, I shall find a repulse, from below!! But this never will do to be cast down by the occurrences of a petticoat friend. No, I shall spurn the idea. Arise, my soul, Cheer up my spirits, and adjourn the character of a man and put on the native dignity.

Wednesday—23rd
I have not attended my school in consequence of the inclemency of the weather.

Thursday—24th
Remained home all day. Amused myself by reading and writing. Sent my old short boots to Mr. John Howard to be footed. I wrote him to that effect.

Tuesday—29: 1921
Wrote Capt. Hannan, Alexandria, to make and send me a pair of crimping boards to pleat ruffles.

Wednesday—30th
An excessively warm, but a wonderful growing season.

June, 1821: Saturday—2nd
Sat off on horseback for Washington City, where I arrived by noon. Found Dr. Sewall's family well situated in a private house. Robert C. Vose, late from Augusta, is now in Washington. I had the pleasure of seeing him. All well at Augusta.

Sunday—3rd
Sat off at 11 A. M. for home. Wrote sister Abby per Mr. Vose before I left Washington.

Monday—4th
Carried my pantaloons over to Mrs. Dent's to be made.

Wednesday—6th
Went to school, but I was not allowed to go in, the doors being bound and locked against me, and my scholars inside demanding a holiday until Monday. Unreasonable was their demand, but I could not do otherwise than comply.

June, 1821: Friday—8th
Went over to Mrs. Dent's to see my pantaloons. Bathed in the Potomac for the first time this season. Finished reading the 3 volumes of "Modern Europe."

Saturday—9th
Sat out for Stumpneck with Mr. Briscoe's pony. Arrived in season for dinner. Found my friend in good spirits and happy, too, to learn that my conjectures as regards an important matter have been entirely wrong. I was received with the accustomed warmth and tenderness.

Sunday—10th
Went to Nanjemoy Church and heard Rev. Mr. Young. This being Whitsuntide Festival, it was, of course, communion at the church. A considerable degree of solemnity was attached to it. From there I accompanied Mrs. A........ and friends to her Sister Winters where we found a considerable little circle of connections.

Monday—11th
Holy Day. Walking with the ladies about Mrs. Winter's* plantation. About 11 o'clock mostly all came to Maj. A. Green's, who resides on the banks of the Potomac in the style of the English gentry!! Such a delightful spot. 20 miles from Pomonkey, or 45 or 50 miles from Washington. A considerable bit of rain which gives the planters an opportunity to replant their tobacco.

Tuesday—12th
Holyday. Visited Mrs. Mitchell, one mile further down the river. Here we remained for the day. Mosquitoes in abundance.

Friday—15th
Returned to Major Green's. QUITE A GALLANT!!! Mrs. Layer and Mrs. Adams, and myself went and spent the day with Mrs. Lavan at Longevity. Quite a retired and recluse situation, two or three miles from Maj. Greer's. Mrs. Adams and myself walked out to the plantation ¾ of a mile further where she formerly lived, and which she at present receives the rent. Returned to Maj. Green's highly delighted with my visit.

Saturday—16th
Mrs. Adams and myself spent the day at Mrs. Winter's. **We are now positively engaged to be married in September next.**

Sunday—17th
At Mrs. Mitchell's. A delightful morning. At 11 o'clock took leave of my friends and came on as far as Mr. Wm. Greer's** and dined, accompanied by Mrs. Adams, and from thence I returned home to Pomonkey. All well.

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*Mrs. Winters was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Eliza Ward Adams, Mr. Wm. Winter a half-brother.

**This must have been what is now called River Side or Maryland Point. Sewall afterwards called it Smith Point. It is the extreme South end of Charles Co.

Monday—18th
Went to my school, which was thinly attended. Feel a little dull which is always the case with me when I have been enjoying myself in the circle of good society. Wrote father through the mail.

Saturday—30th
Rode down to Stumpneck with Mr. Ward where I found my friend—but rather indisposed with a swollen face.

July, 1821. Charles County, Md.
Sunday—1st
Major Greer and wife arrived here from Smith Point. The ladies rather indisposed and it being somewhat warm, we concluded it best to remain at home and not attend church, which is 7 or 8 miles distance.

Monday—2nd
Heavy rain which continued through the day. Nothing could be more acceptable——rain prevents my leaving Stumpneck today. Oh! happy rain and fortunate weather.

Tuesday—3rd
Up very early and took leave again of my friend, and came home to breakfast. Attended my school. Very dull and low spirited which is always the case whenever I leave agreeable company.

July, 1821: Wednesday—4th
This is the anniversary of the American Independence, which is observed in the large and small towns around with much rejoicing. But to me it does not seem any different than other days for all is still and tranquil around here.

Friday—6th
Settled account with Mr. Tubman and gave him my note for the balance for $26.23. This balance I hope to make up by schooling his children.

Saturday—14th
Rode down to Stumpneck, accompanied by Mrs. Rowe. Found my FRIEND in good health and spirits.

Monday—16th
Sat off after breakfast for home. Thence to school.

Wednesday—18th
Sat out from my school at 4 and went to Stumpneck. The repetition of my visits 'twould seem would emerge to something of importance very soon. So 'tis expected—I am making arrangements to be married the first of August.

Thursday—19th
Returned home to breakfast, and thence to school. This is, I think, doing business in rapid style, and what may well be termed two crops per year.

Saturday—21st
Sat off after an early breakfast with Mr. Claggett's horse for Washington, where I arrived by 12 o'clock. Received a letter from sister Susan. All well at Augusta in June 24th. Purchased my wedding dress. This, Mr. Dix is to have ready by next week on Friday. Mrs. Adams, has not as yet, as I can find, arrived from below.

Sunday—22nd
Attended meeting and sat off immediately for home, where I arrived by sunset, quite fatigued. Left a letter for Mrs. Adams at Mrs. Queen's.

Tuesday—24th
Very unwell. A soreness throughout the system. Came home early and got bled.

Wednesday—25th
Fearing the consequences of my illness I got on board a boat and went to Washington City. Stopped at Alexandria and from there went on horse back to the city. Very sick. Called at Mrs. Queen's, where I found my friend, Mrs. Adams. Then I proceeded to Dr. Sewall's. He provided me with medicine and then I returned to Mrs. Queen's Hotel and took a room, and went to bed very sick.

Thursday—26th to Tuesday 31st
Took my medicine. Very sick from a fever. Have been told that I have been delirious during these days.

August, 1821. Washington.

Wednesday—1st to Sunday—5th

The disease has raged with violence these days, but thank God the fever has almost come to a crisis. My chills have been but very slight. 'Tis supposed that I am on the mend. But my situation has been very critical, indeed; for two or three days my case seemed very doubtful. My physician has been very attentive (Dr. Sewall). I had a wonderful nurse who almost continuously kept me steeped in vinegar. I was wonderfully supported during my illness. My friend, Mrs. Adams, was constantly at the house during my illness. This was to me, a great consolation.

Wednesday—8th

Feel rather weak today, but came down stairs. Received my wedding suit from the tailors.

Thursday—9th

Was married about 10 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. McCormick to Mrs. Eliza Ward Adams. Mr. H. Ward was my friend, and Miss Mary Webster was the bridesmaid. There was no parade whatever. No persons present except Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Queens, Mary and Emelina Webster, and Mr. Ward. My strength is rapidly recovering.

Friday—10th

Went out doors today.

Saturday—11th

Mr. Queen sat off with us in his hack for Pomonkey. Received a letter* from father. Stopped at Mr. Thompson's After taking a little repast we went on and arrived at Mrs. Ward's by 4 o'clock. I felt better than I expected from the trip, but Mrs. Sewell is indisposed, it being very warm and dusty. Mrs. Sewall and myself remained here all day.

Wednesday—15th

Cool morning. Rode out to the school house, and brought home all my books with the intention of relinquishing my school. Convalescing slowly.

Thursday—16th

Writing letters to all the persons whom I received patronage from as instructor of the school. Packed trunks. After dinner Mrs. Sewall and myself took our leave of our friends at Mrs. Ward's, and came down to Mrs. Alexander's, and there, after waiting for the steamboat, went on board at 5 o'clock and came to Stumpneck by dark. Feel rather fatigued, but my health is rapidly convalescing. Mr. Speake did not return until late, having been absent to Alexandria.

Saturday—18th

Busily engaged in the fore part of the day in making out school bills, etc.

Sunday—19th

Remained in Stumpneck all day. Mostly recovered my health.

Monday—20th

Very busily employed in arranging Eliza's papers, which I accomplished by night.

Tuesday—21st

Wrote a letter to Mr. Wm. H. Winter, brother of Mrs. Sewall, who resides near Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama.

Wednesday—22nd

Sat off for Pomonkey about noon, and arrived at Mrs. Ward's about sunset. I found Mr. H. Ward very sick.

Thursday—23rd

Went to Port Tobacco, and dined with Mrs. Brown. Considerable number of people attending court. Having accomplished my business which now is altogether with the lawyers, I sat off for Pomonkey, and came to Mrs. Ward's by sunset. Mr. Ward much better.

Friday—24th

Rode out to Mr. Dent's, and then to Mrs. Tubman's. I find that the people are quite put out because I have given up my school. They now declare that they will not pay me for my services. In order that the subject might be decided beyond a doubt, I did not hesitate to warrant two or three of these agreeable and all accommodating people. Returned to Mrs. Ward's to dinner. Sat off at 4 o'clock for Chicamuxen. Arrived at Mr. Green's by dusk. Here I found Mrs. Sewall in good health.

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*This letter is in Appendix.

Sunday—26th
Had an attack of ague and fever which kept me pretty sick all day.

Tuesday—28th
Every other day I find that the fever is worse. Eliza rode to Stumpneck to get me some medicine. She returned by dusk.

September, 1821. Charles County, Maryland.
Saturday—1st
Health much better. Mrs. Sewall and myself came to Stumpneck accompanied by Mrs. Layen.

Sunday—2nd
Remained in Stumpneck all day.

Wednesday—5th
Delightful morning. I have been in better spirit and health today.

Thursday—6th
Eliza and myself have been preparing peaches for the winter.

Friday—7th
Warm and calm. Went fishing with Mr. Speake. Caught but few.

Thursday—13th
Came to Mr. Richard Speake's school house accompanied by Mrs. Sewall, and Mrs. Layen. Our vehicle was nothing more or less than an old horse cart with harness more indifferently. This could be nothing more than a burlesque on a carriage. Leaving the school we went to old Mr. Semme's. This is situated about 2 miles from the school house. Mr. and Mrs. Semme's are in the advanced age, but very hospitable and kind. Their family had been very large but are now dispersed throughout the state and country, mostly well settled in life. One of the brothers married a sister of Mrs. Sewall. Eliza was brought up but a short distance from these kind people. It having ceased raining we came on horse back to Mrs. Winter's, a distance of 4 miles further (a sister-in-law to Eliza) where we came to a halt for the present.

Sunday—16th
Remained at Mrs. Winter's. About 8 o'clock night Mrs. Winter's overseer died.

Tuesday—18th
Attended the interment of Mrs. Winter's overseer—which was carried about 4 miles distance. Dined at old Mr. Semme's, and from there I accompanied him to Locust Hill, the place where Eliza was brought up and where her mother and family resided. We rode as far as Mrs. Mitchell's and drank tea. Returned home rather late in the evening.

Wednesday—19th
Sat off with Mrs. Sewall for the Mrs. Mitchell's where we arrived by noon. Called at the plantation on which Eliza formerly lived, now rented by Mr. Jesse Posey, known by the name of Oak Hill. At this place I may live in another year. Wrote sister Susan per mail.

Friday—21st
Walked over to Maj. A. Greer's, who resides about ½ mile from here. He is a native of Ireland. Dined and returned to Mrs. Mitchell's.

September, 1821: Saturday—22nd
To-day the sun crossed the Meridian line of the earth!!

Sunday—23rd
Eliza and myself returned to Mrs. Winter's to dinner. Very warm.

Wednesday—26th
Rode as far as old Semme's on our way to Stumpneck. I had to stop from indisposition.

October, 1821.
Monday 1st to Tuesday—9th
Sick with the fever.

Wednesday—10th: October, 1821
Both of us sick and feeble. This appears dull, both of us sick, and at a friend's house. We, however made an exertion and rode as far as Dr. Dunnington's, but he was absent. Returned to Mr. Semme's.

Friday—12th
Mrs. Sewall is a little better today.

Sunday—14th
I did not get out of bed until late today.

Monday—15th
Commenced taking bark and wine. Mrs. S. is much better.

Wednesday—17th
After dinner we went on board the vessel with our effects. The vessel sailed up the river about one mile and came to an anchor to take on freight.

Thursday—18th
All freight on board, but the wind is so violent that we could not progress, but at sunset we started on and anchored at Pomonkey.

Friday—19th
At 7 o'clock set sail.

Saturday—20th
Drifted last night with the tide to Alexandria, and thence with a fair wind we arrived at Georgetown, D. C., by noon.

Sunday—21st
Walked to Washington and found Dr. Sewall real well. The sickness in this city is beginning to abate. In the afternoon I returned to Georgetown.

Monday—22nd
Mr. Tenny and myself walked into Washington and purchased me a gig and harness, new, for $150. Said to be very cheap. We returned to Georgetown and dined with Mr. Ralph Semme's.

Wednesday—24th
Put my gig on board the sloop and by 8 or 9 o'clock set sail for home. Stopped at Greenleaf Point to receive Mrs. Brawner's furniture. This delayed the vessel quite a while. All things were put on board by sunset, consisting of cows, calves, pigs, and negroes with children.

Thursday—25th
Arrived at Mrs. B.... landing at noon, where the vessel will be detained most of the day. I put my gig on shore, and with Mrs. B....'s horse I came to Mr. Joseph Semme's and dined. Mrs. Sewall is at Mrs. Winter's. After dinner I came on, accompanied by Miss H. Semme's and arrived at Mrs. Winter's a little before sunset. I found the Mrs. rather indisposed with ague and fever.

Saturday—27th
Sat off with Mrs. Sewall for Stumpneck, where we arrived a little before sunset. Stopped at Mr. Joseph Semme's a few minutes. Mrs. Sewall's health is much better.

November, 1821: Thursday—1st.
I sat off for Pomonkey late in the evening.

Friday—2nd
Rode to Port Tobacco. Returned to Mrs. Ward's. Pleasant and warm.

Saturday—3rd
Went again to Port Tobacco and accomplished my business. After dinner I returned to Pomonkey in the rain.

Sunday—4th
In consequence of riding in the rain yesterday I find myself very unwell.

Monday—5th
Dr. McPhearson attended me and bled me, and ordered some calomel.

Wednesday—7th
Fine weather again. I find myself able to go to Stumpneck. Bad riding. Much fatigued.

Friday—16th
Sat off for Nanjemoy and arrived at Mr. Semme's about dark.

Saturday—17th
Mr. Semme's exchanged horse with me. I returned to Stumpneck. Eve: I cleaned and brushed up gig in preparation for a short journey to Virginia.

Sunday—18th
I sat out after dinner in gig with Mrs. Sewall for Fauquier County, Va. Stopped at Mr. Posey's*.

Monday—19th
Went across the ferry by sunrise without much difficulty, and thence proceeded to Dumfries, to breakfast. Here I had my horse shod and thence proceeded to, and dined at, Dr. Bamry's. Arrived at Col. Alexander's before sunset. Mrs. A. is a cousin of Mrs. Sewall's. However, she was from home.

Tuesday—20th
Proceeded over a very bad road to Mr. Ewell's, whose lady is another cousin of Mrs. Sewall's. Here I met with Mrs. Alexander and a Mrs. Moxley, who is another cousin.

Wednesday—21st
Very heavy white frost. Went on to Mrs. Moxley's accompanied by her. Here I was much pleased. Mrs. M.... is a pious lady. Her family consists of her father, 4 daughters and one son.

Thursday—22nd
Took leave of this amiable family, and arrived at Mrs. Daniel Payne's, who married a half sister of Mrs. Sewall's. Very much fatigued, having had to cross mountains and ridges covered with rocks.

November, 1821: Saturday—24th
Not very well. Have fever and chills every day. Snowstorm.

Tuesday—27th
Health much better. Rode out with Mr. Payne on horse back.

December, 1821.
Monday 2nd to Saturday—8th
Confined to the house from ague and fever. Weather dark and foggy.

Sunday—9th
Eliza and myself accompanied by Mrs. Payne visited Mr. Bastable, relative of Eliza's. Had a severe case of ague from being cold.

Wednesday—12th
Sat off for Mrs. Payne's, and arrived to dinner. Find myself quite recovered from my spells of ague.

Saturday—15th
Received a letter from Mr. Tubman, Esq.

Thursday—20th
Assisted Mr. Payne with his accounts.

Tuesday—25th. 1821
CHRISTMAS. Very cold. Remained at Mrs. Payne's. Mrs. Sewall rode a short distance with some of the family to a Methodist meeting.

Wednesday—26th
Carried Mr. Payne to Mr. Pickett's in my gig. Very bad riding.

Friday—28th
Busy writing for Mr. Payne all day.

Saturday—29th
At sunset my Uncle Jotham called on me. He left New England in October last. Received letter from Dr. Sewall.

Sunday—30th
Mr. Payne and myself accompanied Uncle to Warrenton where he preached a sermon agreeably to appointment yesterday. We all returned to Mr. Payne's where Uncle preached again by candle light.

Monday—31st
Dined at Mr. Payne's father's, by particular invitation. Uncle and Mrs. Sewall accompanied me. The day has been delightful and pleasant. Uncle Jotham rode to the Courthouse and at Warrenton to preach by an appointment. We retunred to Mr. Payne's.

January, 1822. Tuesday—1st
Not so well today, as usual. This must be due to my walking out. My uncle returned from the Courthouse, Warrenton, where he has again promised to preach this evening. This is his birthday. He is 62 years old. His power of mind is active and sound and his health is very good. Evening: Uncle Jotham took leave of us and sat off for

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*This ferry near Pomonky Landing.

Warrenton. To-morrow he will proceed on his journey farther South to solicit funds for the Maine Theological Seminary. $54.00 of this fund he has deposited with me for safe keeping until he returns from the South. Then he will call on me and get the same amount.

Wednesday—2nd
Went in the gig to the Church house in Warrenton, accompanied by Mrs. Sewall and Mrs. Payne.

Saturday—5th
Mr. Payne and myself rode to the Church house. Very cold. Received a letter from father. All well there on December 24th.

Monday—7th
Wrote to Dr. Sewall and enclosed 30 dollars for Mrs. Queen's account. Damp weather.

Tuesday—8th
Busily employed by Mr. Payne writing.

Tuesday—15th
Mr. Payne and myself walked some distance up great run. As to my health, it is nearly established. Perhaps quite. I find myself becoming quite fleshy.

January, 1822. Thursday—17th
Birthday—25 years old.

Friday—18th
A jury met on the lands of Mr. Payne and Mr. John Scott to report their decision respecting building a mill dam.

Monday—21st
Very foggy and damp in the morning. Loaned Mr. Payne $2.50. Had an attack with a chill.

Wednesday—23rd
Had the ague and fever. Took 20 grains of calomel. Very sick through the day.

Tuesday—29th
Wrote to Dr. Sewall and enclosed $5.00 for Mr. A. E. Hough—being the amount of his account against me. This I directed under cover to Hon. Ezekial Whitman (member of Congress).

February, 1822: Friday—1st
Reading most of the day.

Saturday—2nd
Attended the interment with Mr. Payne's family of Mrs. Kincade, who died on Thursday at Clifton. All the furniture was covered with fine white linen. We returned to Gainesville by sunset, being bad riding

Sunday—3rd
Dined with Mr. Payne's family at George Pickett's.

Monday—4th
At Mr. Pickett's. Returned to Mr. Payne's.

Friday—8th
Received a letter from Maryland of importance as regards our business.

Saturday—9th
Sat off for Maryland on horseback. Came to Mr. Moxley's to dinner. Found the family all well.

Monday—11th
Sat off for Alexandria after breakfast. Came on the Turnpike via Tyler Mills. Found the turnpike very rough. Stopped a little while at Centerville, and halted for the day at Branan's at Fairfax Courthouse, 14 miles from Alexandria.

Tuesday—12th
After an early breakfast I proceeded on to Washington City where I stopped. Found Dr. Sewall and family well. Saw my old friend, Maj. A. W. Hamilton. Wrote to Mrs. Sewall, Warrenton.

Wednesday—13th
Rode to Georgetown and back to Washington before breakfast. Sat off for Charles County, Maryland. Arrived at Mrs. Ward's at sunset. Very bad traveling—much fatigued.

Thursday—14th. 1822
Valentine's Day. Rode from Mrs. Ward's in Pomonkey to Mr. Lee Speake's, lower side of Chickamuxen creek. Mr. Speake now keeps the ferry opposite Dumfries.

Friday—15th
Delightful morning at Mr. Speake's. Busily employed in arranging papers.

Tuesday—19th
Rode to Mr. Thompson's house, but could not do any business so returned as far as his father's.

Wednesday—20th
Ash day, or first of Lent, as observed by Roman Catholics. Rode to Mr. Speake's. Had an attack of ague and fever.

Friday—22nd
Washington's anniversary.

Saturday—23rd
Rode to Dr. William Dunnington's, 5 miles East. Wrote to Mrs. Sewall per mail at Dumfries.

Wednesday—27th
Finding myself much better I sat off for Major Greer's on business. Stopped at Mrs. Thompson's where I was waited on in style, by a constable of this section, on account of the two estates on which Mrs. Sewall has administered.

Thursday—28th
Walked over to Mrs. Mitchell's. Dined at Major Greer's, and from thence to sister Winter's.

March, 1822. Maryland. Friday—1st
Tarried at sister Winter's today. Writing a little and examining the administer's papers.

Saturday—2nd
Walked to the TRAP* accompanied by Miss Henrietta Semme's. Returned to dinner. Walked again to the trap after dinner to attend the Magistrate meeting, but owing to the weather he did not attend. Saw all of the Sheriff's and Constables.

Sunday—3rd
Cold. Remained at Mrs. Winter's.

Monday—4th
Went to Mr. Semme's and after transacting some business came as far as the ferry and put up at Mr. Lee Speake's.

Tuesday—5th
Busily employed in writing. Mr. F. E. Dunnington called on me. He is one of Mrs. Sewall's bondsmen for the payment of accounts against Mr. Adams, deceased. We have concluded on a plan which will be the means of saving considerable of our property which is liable for Mr. Adams's debt*.

Wednesday—6th
Sat off for Pomonkey. Went into Stumpneck. Passed over by a regular bill of sale all personal property of any value too F. E. Dunnington before Frank R. Speake, Justice of Peace for Charles County. Came to Mrs. Ward's by dusk.

Thursday—7th
Proceeded on up the river and came to Mr. Lyles near Accokeek Church**. By particular desire I met with Mr. Lyles, at Mr. Kirby's, two miles further down, where were convened for amusement 25 or 30 gentlemen for the only purpose of gambling. Had I have known this was the company I was to meet, I should have remained at Mr. Lyles. Holding the amusement in the utmost detestation of horror, I did not, of course, engage, but was compelled to sit like a poor solitary soul who had no part that would possibly do anything toward affording pleaasure. At 12 oo'clock I got relieved and came to Mr. Lyles.

Friday—8th
From my misfortune of being so completely taken on by having been kept up so late last night, I feel wretched. Settled my business with Mr. Lyles and after dinner I took leave and was glad to get off as well as I did. "Lord keep me ever from all temptation." Arrived at Mrs. Ward's at dark.

Saturday—9th
Left the note of Mr. H. Lyles in the hands of Mr. Ward for collection, and took his receipt. Sat off for Port Tobacco, and found letters from Sister Susan, Mrs. Sewall, and a paper from Augusta. After dinner, con-

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*Trap must be the jail at the County seat. LaPlanta is at present the County seat, 1929.

*Mrs. Adams, it appears, had loaned some of her deceased husband's money to her brother and brother-in-law, and Dunnington was on this bond, of Mr. Adams as Admx.

**Accokeek Church located near Piscataway, in Prince George County, Maryland. It is still standing.

tinued on and came to Mr. Lee Speake's by sunset.

Monday—11th
Very busily engaged in writing, etc. Mr. Richard Semme's sent up from his house some of my things which have been there for some time.

Wednesday—13th
Rode to Mr. R. Semme's and attended the sale of my two negro boys by the Sheriff, for the satisfaction of sundry debts of Mr. Adams, deceased. I, however effected a settlement with the Sheriff that prevented their being sacrificed at public sale—at same time made them over to Frank E. Dunnington, and he, at the same time, gave me his bond to return all of my property under the condition of his not being able to pay any of the demands which he is bound for. Dined at Mr. Semme's and then came on as far as Blue Plains and attended Magistrate meeting. Proved many of my accounts and returned to Mr. Speake's.

Monday—18th
Rode to Smith Point. Dined at Mr. Thompson's, and halted at Mrs. Mitchell's.

Tuesday—19th
Rode out to my plantation and saw tenant. Dined at Mr. Frank Adams who has a small Latin school. Returned to Mrs. Mitchell's and thence to Mrs. Greer's and put up for the night.

Wednesday—20th
Sat off for the Mr. Speake's. Stopped at Mr. T. Semme's and took my mare, Bonny. Came on to Mr. Speake's after dinner.

Monday—25th
Went to Port Tobacco, and have arranged my business in such a manner that it will not be necessary for me to be at Court the remainder of the term.

Tuesday—26th
Returned to Mr. Lee Speake's.

Wednesday—27th
Wrote Mr. Chapman and enclosed a note for $73.83 for collection, and gave it to Mr. Dunnington to hand to him himself, otherwise to retain the same until I again see him. Wrote Mrs. Sewall in Dumfries.

Sunday—31st
Sat off for Mr. Payne's in Virginia. Got over the ferry by 10 o'clock without any difficulty. Dined at Dr. Baron's, and arrived at Mrs. Moxley's by sunset.

April, 1822: Monday—1st
Sat off for Mr. Payne's where I arrived at noon. Found Mrs. Sewall well.

Wednesday—3rd
Mrs. Sewall and myself visited Mrs. Bastables.

Thursday—4th
At Mr. B. His daughter was married to Mr. John Boadler by Rev. Mr. Lemon. A considerable degree of levity was apparent on this ooccasion.

Friday—5th
Kept up most of the past night and the company are still at their amusement, viz; dancing.

Saturday—6th
The party finally parted at 11 o'clock and I was glad to get home to Mr. Payne's. Completely broken down.

Monday—8th
Mr. Boadler and lady with others of the family dined at Mr. Payne's.

Wednesday—10th
The carpenters finished their contract in making repairs on my house.

Saturday—13th
Layed off my garden.

Monday—15th
Busy working in the garden.

Wednesday—17th
The prospect for wheat in this section is considerable. Made a contract with Mr. Smith Dulin of this county to make certain other repairs on the house which is to be completed in four weeks from 24 inst. for the sum of $40.00.

Friday—19th
Mr. Alban Smith and Mr. Leake Speake came to Mr. Payne's from Maryland.

Monday—22nd
Went to a show of wild animals.

Tuesday—23rd
Sat off with Mrs. Sewall accompanied by Mr. Smith and Mr. Speaks for Maryland. Stoopped at Aunt Moxly's.

Wednesday—24th
Proceeded on directly after breakfast. Crossed the ferry without any difficulty, and put up at Mr. Speake's.

Tuesday—30th
Delightful day. Mr. Smith left us for Kentucky. Mr. Speake and myself went over the ferry with him.

May, 1822: Wednesday—1st
Mrs. Sewall and myself accompanied by Mrs. Layers visited Mrs. Greer.

Thursday—2nd
Returned to Mr. Speake's; after dinner I went to Nanjemoy and stopped at Mrs. Winter's. Her health is much better than it has been for some time.

Friday—3rd
Called on Mr. Adams, and then came on to Mr. Thompson Semme's. With him I went to his fishing shore and dined there. Then I came to Mr. Speake's via Mr. Burgess, the constable, and took an account of what business he has in his hands for the payment of the two estates. Rather fatigued.

Wednesday—8th
Had the ague and fever at the regular time. Took 16 grains of calomel which had a most excellent effect.

Friday—10th
Very weak. Doctor Dunnington bled me again. Returned to Mr. Speake's.

Saturday—11th
Mrs. Sewall rode to Nanjemoy. Warm and pleasant.

Sunday—12th
Agreed with Captain Oliver (the person who keeps the ferry on the Virginia side) to purchase me 150 feet of ¾ inch plank, and sent by him an open letter enclosing a note for tobacco directed to Horatio Claggett of Alexandria. Eliza returned from Nanjemoy.

Wednesday—15th
Busy packing trunks in preparation to moving to Virginia.

Thursday—16th
I purchased a horse from Mr. Speake for $85.00.

Saturday—18th, May.
Sat off for Virginia with Mrs. Sewall on horseback. Left my mare Bonny with Mr. Speake in Maryland. Came to Mrs. Moxly's by sunset. Met with a heavy storm on our way and took shelter in an old decayed church house near the state line.

Monday—20th
Came to Mr. Payne's to dinner. Eliza received a letter from my sister Susan. My house is nearly finished. Agreed with Mr. Dulin to lay the lower floor in house for $12.00.

Saturday—25th
Eliza and myself rode to Mr. Bastable's in gig.

Sunday—26th
Eliza and myself rode to Warrenton in gig to attend Church.

Tuesday—28th
Agreed with Augustine Ball to go to the mouth of Occoquan Creek near Dumfries for 8 barrels of fish and some other little articles for the sum of $10.50. Sat off myself in gig with horse and got down to the creek by sunset. Left my gig on this side of the Potomac River and went over with my horse to Mr. Speake's. No one at home.

Wednesday—29th
Proceeded to Nanjemoy early in the morning on horseback. Called at Mr. Semme's and directed him to send over 8 barrels of fish to the mouth of the Occoquan Creek—

this day. Dined at Mr. Adams. Called at sister Winter's and engaged her cart to carry up my negro woman and her children to the ferry tomorrow morning. Returned to Mr. Speake's house.

Thursday—30th
Up early and crossed the river by sunrise with a few bundles consisting of beds, etc. Loaded Mr. Bates's wagon with men and the 8 barrels of fish. This being his load he sat off for Mr. Payne's. I returned back to Maryland. Busily employed in boxing up furniture, etc. Mr. Semme called on me. He was unable to take up one of his land notes for the sum of $608.33. I regret very much that Mr. Speake is absent at this time. Besides Mr. L— has rode away my mare Bonny which I intended my negro woman Jemima to ride to Virginia.

Friday—31st
I purchased a double barrel gun from Mr. Speake's for $20.00. He returned to the house this morning. I sat off for Mr. Payne's at 10 o'clock in gig with Jemima. (the negro woman) two children, and came on only as far as Mr. Evan's, Fauquier County, Va. I found the roads very bad from the shower. My negro woman followed us in the wagon.

June 1822: Saturday—1st
Sat off early to Mr. Payne's, and arrived at 12 o'clock. The wagon arrived, and everything was brought safe.

Sunday—2nd
Remained at Mr. Payne's.

Monday—3rd
Rode to Court House. Received a letter from Dr. Sewall.

Tuesday—4th
Busy writing for Mr. Payne.

Friday—7th
Workmen finished work on the house.

Saturday—8th
Busy through the day overhauling the fish and cleaning gun.

Thursday—13th. June.
Attended a squirrel feast in the neighborhood. We had good music from the bagpipe and violin. There was much joy and exhiliration on the occasion and besides the things were conducted with much decency. I was very much pleased.

Friday—14th
Mrs. Sewall and myself rode to Warrenton to purchase a few articles, ready for housekeeping.

Sunday—15th
Mrs. Sewall and myself attended Church in Warrenton.

Monday—17th
At work on my house. Not well.

Tuesday—18th
Very unwell. Wrote letter to father.

Tuesday—25th
Rode to the Court house. Received a letter from Mr. Claggett of Alexandria, giving me information of my tobacco. Mr. Payne commenced harvesting this day.

Saturday—29th
Whitewashed Mr. Payne's southwest chamber.

Sunday—30th
Mr. Payne and myself rode to the White Sulphur springs about 5 miles from here, where we spent the day and drank fully of the water. It's particular qualities will be better known hereafter.

July, 1822. Virginia.

Monday—1st
Went to the springs. Dined with Mr. Pickett. Returned to Mr. Payne's. Mrs. P. was delivered of a fine healthy son. Her situation is critical at this time.

Thursday—4th. July, 1822.
Anniversary of American Independence. No parade in this section. I went to the springs.

Saturday—6th
Rode to the springs. I have reason to be-

lieve that the spring has been of some considerable service to me this far. Although sulphur appears to be the principal ingredient, still I think it possesses many other medical things, such as magnesia, etc.

Monday—8th
Mr. Payne finished his harvesting.

Tuesday—9th
Daubed my house.

Wednesday—10th
Attended a fish feast near Mr. S. Pickett's. There was much hilarity and mirth on this occasion. A very respectable class of gentlemen convened.

Thursday—11th
Rode to the Springs and found the water much stronger owing to the dryness of the season.

Tuesday—16th
Went to the springs. Dined at Mr. Harvey's. Saw his horse mill and threshing machine in operation. The threshing machine is constructed on the same plan as Mr. Boadler's excepting there is no cast iron, wood being substituted. His machine, I have reason to believe, will survive Mr. Boadler's, for it can be afforded for half the price the money, and there is no danger of the main wheels breaking.

Wednesday—17th
Wrote letters to F. D. Stone, F. E. Dunnington. I enclosed Mr. Lyle's note this day to Mr. Dunnington for $73.00, due the estate of Richard Semme's, with instructions for him to hand the same to Mr. Chapman Attorney at Law, at Port Tobacco, for collection. I also gave him instructions to receive money from F. D. Storm and Mr. Burgess.

Saturday—20th
Read a novel called the "Spy," in 2 volumes, written by Cooper.

Monday—22nd
Rode to Warrenton. Superior court is now in session.

Saturday—27th
Have been closely occupied most of the day studying surveying preparatory to school keeping the next year.

August, 1822: Friday—2nd
Carried Mrs. Payne and children to Clifton and spent the day.

Tuesday—6th
Rode to Warrenton. Went by the camp grounds to see the preparation for a camp meeting.

Thursday—8th
Many people have passed by here on their way to the Methodist Camp Meeting which commenced this day near Warrenton. At work on my house. Received half a barrel of corn of Mr. Francis Payne on credit.

Friday—9th
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to the camp meeting.

Saturday—10th
Walked to the camp meeting. Returned by 11 o'clock, and brought Mr. Ewill home with me. A very large number attended, say 5000.

Wednesday—14th
Camp meeting broke up.

Saturday—17th
Mended my gig.

Wednesday—22nd
Sam returned from Maryland and brought my mare, Bonny.

Monday—26th
Whitewashing and daubing house.

Tuesday—27th
Building meat house. Also gig house.

September, 1822. Virginia.
Saturday—7th
Carried Mrs. Sewall to the springs. Accompanied by friends. Rode from the springs to Mr. Curtiss's new house which is being built in fine style. From the appearance of things I fear he is too whimsical and notional.

Monday—9th. September.
Busily employed about the house. Received a letter from father. All well August 23rd.

Thursday—12th
Commenced hauling stone for the chimney to house. Mr. Payne's mill house is thronged with customers. There are distressing times among the people. Many have to go miles for their meal. Others have to pound their grain to obtain bread.

Friday—20th
Eliza and I commenced housekeeping.

Monday—23rd
Wrote a letter to Mr. Ward giving him an order on W. Roby, Constable of Pomonkey for the sum of $20.00 to satisfy a debt due W. Hannon, and relieve my property, taken, being now in the hands of Noble Barnes, Constable. This, if it arrives in time, that is, 27th inst., all things will be right.

Thursday—26th
Mr. Payne and family are with me. I have concluded to call this place where I live by the name of "UNION."

Friday—27th
I am much troubled with a bowel complaint. This must have been caused by drinking freely of near cider an imprudence I must end, or to guard against in the future.

Sunday—29th
After sunrise I had all my hens, together with those of sister Payne's, brought to my hen house, they having been put up the night previous. Dined at Daniel Payne's, where I spent the day.

October, 1822: Wednesday—2nd
Rode over to Ben Ball's.

Thursday—3rd
Mr. Payne is busy seeding wheat.

Friday—14th
Rode up past the Cobban Mountain and engaged Thomas Morrison to come and build a chimney. He lives near Barby's cross roads, about 16 miles.

Saturday—5th
Eliza and myself dined at Mr. Payne's.

Monday—7th
Rode to the court house. From there I went to Bob Hart's.

Tuesday—8th
At Mr. Hart's. We both rode to Richard's Sale, Culpeper County, where I saw many of the gentlemen who reside near Carter's Run Meeting house, and where I intend commencing school next January. With the particular influence of Mr. Henry Rose, and Robert Hart, I have a list of 20 scholars, and will probably get a few more. Returned home.

Saturday—12th
Rode to Courthouse. Received a letter from Dr. Dunnington, Esq. Very sickly in Maryland. I am thankful I am not there.

Tuesday—15th
Went up to Mr. Grigsby's after lime. Purchased 10 bushels.

Friday—18th
Went to Mr. Pickett's with cart and oxen and got a load of sand.

Saturday—26th
Went to the Courthouse. Dined with Mr. Horner, Esq. Battallion Muster at the Court house, of the Militia of this Commonwealth. The several companies appear without arms. After the roll is called they march a little and are dismissed.

Tuesday—29th
Studying surveying very closely at home.

Thursday—31st
Mrs. Boadler died this morning about quarter past four of the clock. I rode up to Mr. Boadler's. They are truly a distressed family*.

November, 1822: Friday—1st
Attended the burial of Mrs. Boadler. She was interred in the Mr. Payne's burying ground.

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*Mrs. Boadles was a Payne newly married.

Saturday—2nd
Carried Mrs. Sewall to Mr. Boadler's. Miss B............ is convalescing slowly. I returned home. Mr. Payne is confined with a sore throat. This neighborhood is rather sickly at this time. The complaints are bad colds, chills, and fever—the origin of all, which must have been the late drought, which has visited this country the past season.

Sunday—3rd
Mr. Payne much better.

Friday—15th
Cold. Rode up to Mr. Bashaw's school-house in the Manor near Mr. Smith's, and purchased of him two globes and the United States map for $32.60, 12 months credit.

Saturday—16th
Not very well. Rode to Mr. Bob Hart's, and borrowed his surveying instrument.

Saturday—23rd
Received letters from Mr. H. Ward, and Mr. Dunnington of Maryland announcing the death of Mr. R. F. Semme's and many others.

Monday—25th
Went to the Courthouse. Gave Mr. Brent, merchant of Warrenton an order on Horatio Claggett for the sum of $63.90½. Purchased 6 chairs of Rev. Mr. Lemon for $9.00, payable on receipt of money from Alexandria.

Friday—29th
Rode to the school house and put some hands to work getting it ready for the winter. Rain prevented me going home as I wished to. Stayed at Mr. Pickett's.

Saturday—30th
Killed my beef this day I purchased from Mr. Payne. Net weight, 320 pounds.

December, 1822: Sunday—1st
Mr. Payne and family dined with us.

Monday—2nd
Cutting and salting meat at Mr. Payne's house, and placed the same in his meat-house, mine not yet being finished.

Friday—6th
Eliza and myself rode to Warrenton to purchase some goods. Received a letter from Dr. Sewall enclosed by Hon. Mr. L. Hill, member of Congress of Washington.

Wednesday—11th
Cleaned my gig and harness for the winter.

Friday—13th
Heard from my negro Dick, who is hired at Mr. Clagett Lyle's, in Maryland.

Saturday—14th
Closely applied in studying the art of surveying, and I have nearly made myself master of the Theory.

Monday—16th
Received my money from Alexandria.

Wednesday—18th
Deposited in the hands of Mr. E. Helmn, merchant at Warrenton $20.00 for the purpose of purchasing my allowance of pork for the coming year at the market price, viz. 4.00 Cwt.

Saturday—21st
Sat off for Maryland. The weather is rather damp. Came to Mrs. Moxly's by sunset.

Sunday—22nd
Rode to Mr. Ewill's to breakfast, accompanied by Mrs. Moxly and daughter, after which I proceeded on my journey, and passed over the ferry below Dumfries, and came to Mr. Lee Speake's by dark. Mr. Speake has gone on a visit to Kentucky.

Monday—23rd
Left Mr. Speake's and was riding most of the day in Nanjemoy on business, and came to old Mr. Semme's by dark. Found them all tolerably well.

Tuesday—24th
Christmas Eve. This is a day of fast among the Roman Catholics. After breakfast I came on to Mrs. Ward's in Pomonkey.

Wednesday—25th
Christmas. Left Mrs. Ward's with my negro girl, Lucy, and came to Broad Creek, near Alexandria, where I halted.

Thursday—26th
Left this place with my two negro boys, Dick and Ben, and passed on to Alexandria, where I halted a little on business, and from thence I came to Fairfax, Fairfax County, Virginia, to Branaugh's Tavern, distance 14 miles. Most of the way I came on foot.

Friday—27th
Up early and came to Centerville to breakfast, and thence home where I arrived safely, much fatigued, having travelled nearly 35 miles, mostly on foot. The boys held out remarkably well. Found Mrs. Sewall real well.

Tuesday—31st
Mr. Payne and myself rode to Warrenton. Purchased second hand saddle for $7.00. Returned home via Capt. George Pickett's. Cold.

January, 1823. Union.
Wednesday—1st
I went to the Courthouse with negroes for the purpose of finding homes for them. Dr. Henry Clarkson hired my man, Dick for $50.00 (per year). Hireling not in demand.

Friday—3rd
Rode through the school neighborhood. Dined at Mr. Hart's. Returned home by dark. Found Miss Helen with Eliza.

Tuesday—7th
Rode to Mr. Hart's, and thence to Mr. Pickett's. Raw and chilly.

Wednesday—8h
At Mr. Pickett's. Returned home. Came by Blackwell's Mill, and got weighed. 153 pounds.

Tuesday—14th
Commenced school. Had 16 scholars.

Friday—17th
Birthday—26 years old. Purchased 420 pounds of fresh pork for $20.00.

Saturday—18th
Salted my pork. Rode to the Courthouse. Foggy.

Wednesday—22nd
Hired Lucy (negro) to Hugh McComis for $12.00. Received 2½ bushels of oats from Dr. Clarkson.

Monday—27th
Rode to my school house, but finding no one there I returned home. My negro woman Jemima was delivered a fine boy about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday—28th
Attended school. Cold weather.

February, 1823: Saturday—1st
Rode to the Courthouse. On return came by Hugh McCormick's. He agrees to pay me at the expiration of the year whatever he thinks is right for the hire of Lucy, on account of her awkwardness and inability to perform the services he requires. This I have agreed to do, although I have his letter which mentions the sum of $12.00 for her hire, but I shall not hereafter insist on that.

Sunday—2nd
Spent the day with Mr. Payne.

Monday—3rd
Went to my school house. Not finding any body there I returned home.

Tuesday—4th
Set the glass in the school house.

Monday—10th
Snow storm. Went hunting through the snow for patridges. Killed a few before night. About 3 inches of snow fell. Payne finished filling his ice house.

Tuesday—11th
Fine weather again and warm. At school.

Friday—14th
Valentine's Day. Very dark and foggy.

Thursday—20th
Rain this morning, but ceased before the school hour, which did not prevent me from attending. I have 20 scholars now.

Friday—21st
Delightful weather, but the roads are very

soft and muddy. Received 35 bushels of oats from Dr. Clarkson, which makes me 40 bushels in all. I have agreed to pay his 50 cents per bushel. This is to be deducted from the hire of Dick at the end of the year.

Friday—28th
Have had a tolerable good week for my business this week. Received a letter from father. All well in that quarter.

March, 1823: Saturday—1st
At work on meat house. Night went to Mr. Payne's. He is very sick.

Sunday—2nd
Dined at Mr. Payne's. He is improving. Eliza was able to be there too.

Monday—3rd
Eliza complaining.

Wednesday—5th
Eliza much worse. I attended school.

Thursday—6th March, 1823.
Eliza's condition being rather serious I remained at home. Dismissed the school until Monday next. Eliza was delivered of a fine healthy son about 9 o'clock P. M. (Henry).

Friday—7th
Eliza tolerably smart, having had a good night's rest. She and the child are in a good way. Sister Bessy was with us most of the day. Mrs. Burditt returned home.

Saturday—8th
Eliza gains strength fast. We have concluded to call this son of ours Henry Middleton after his two grandfathers. Rode to Warrenton. John Baylis, Deputy, this day served a writ on me for the sum of $50.00 in favor of A. Holmead & Co., Washington, put in the hands of Mr. Homer, Esq., for collection.

Wednesday—12th
Attending school. Mr. Pown entered his two children for schooling.

Sunday—16th
Delightful weather. Attended meeting at Carter's Run. I have made application for the use of the church to teach school in this summer. There is a probability of obtaining it.

Saturday—22nd
At work at meat house, having my meat up at Mr. Payne's.

Friday—28th
"Good Friday"—mild weather.

Sunday—30th
Easterday. Violent snowstorm.

Monday—31st
Holy Day. No school.

April, 1823. Sunday—6th
Eliza and self rode to Mr. Payne's and spent the day.

Saturday—12th
Attended the Cavalry muster at Warrenton. Received a letter from sister Susan.

Saturday—19th
Rode to the Baptist Meeting House to see the members about getting the church for the school, but the majority were not there so it was not acted upon.

Sunday—20th
Attended meeting at the Meeting House. Dined at Mr. Henry Hose's, accompanied by Mr. S. Pickett and Rev. Mr. Dawson.

Wednesday—23rd
Mr. Payne visited my school.

Friday—25th
Raw and chilly. The whooping cough is making considerable headway in my school.

Saturday—26th
Worked in the garden all day. Delightful weather.

Sunday—27th
Rode with Eliza nearly to Maj. Diggs with the expectation of hearing preaching, but hearing it was not the day we returned home and read, etc. More profitable, I hope, than the Sabbath has been formerly kept by us. Still it is poor at best.

May—1823

Thursday—1st

Very rainy. I did not attend school in consequence thereof. This rain is truly refreshing to the parched earth.

Sunday—4th

Attended meeting. Heard Rev. Mr. Morrison, Methodist. Dined at Mr. Payne's.

Monday—5th

Attended school. Very cold. Widow Weeks entered her daughter to school for $10.00.

Saturday—10th

Attended Regimental Muster at Germantown. Very warm and dry. The wheat is mostly destroyed by the Hessian fly and Chinese bug. There are reasonable apprehension that there will not be anything raised this year. Received a letter from Mr. Lee Speake, now at Danville, Kentucky.

Sunday—11th

Very unwell so did not attend church. I hope the day was not altogether misspent. Eliza and myself dined at Mr. Payne's.

Monday—12th

Attended school. Very unwell with a cold.

Thursday—15th

Dismissed the school at an earlier hour and gave the scholars a vacation of a week.

Saturday—17th

Sat off for Maryland. Stopped at Mrs. Moxly's.

Monday—19th

Proceeded on to Maryland and got over the ferry early in the evening and to Mr. Dunnington's.

Tuesday—20th

Rode to Mr. Frank Adams. On my way heard a Baptist preacher. Called on tenant.

Wednesday—21st

Up very early and came to Mr. F. E. Dunnington's to breakfast.

Thursday—22nd

Up very early and came to the ferry, but was unnecessarily detained by the ferry man and did not get over till late. Came to Mrs. Moxly's before night.

Friday—23rd

Arrived home about noon considerably fatigued. Found Mrs. Sewall and little child real well.

Saturday—31st

Dined at Mr. S. Pickett's. Came by the way of Mr. Hart's. Got weighed at Blackwell's Mill. 147 pounds.

June — 1823

Saturday—7th

Eliza and myself went to the courthouse dealing. Very warm.

Sunday—8th

No preaching to my knowledge near me.

Monday—9th

Great change in the atmosphere.

Tuesday—10th

Fire in the schoolhouse is not uncomfortable.

Saturday—14th

Went to the Sulphur Springs with Mr. Payne.

Sunday—15th

Went to Carter Run Meeting House. No minister came.

Monday—16th

Mrs. Simson entered her son to school for the sum of $10.00.

Saturday—21st

Mr. Payne is harvesting.

July — 1823

Tuesday—1st

Cold. Had fire in school house.

Friday—4th

Independence Day. Very warm and sultry. Gave the children a holiday as is customary among all teachers of schools in this section. Very busy at home arranging accounts, etc. Eliza and myself rode up to Aunt Lucy's.

Saturday—5th
At Aunt Lucy's. Sister Bessy and children returned by sunset. Also did we.

Monday—14th
There is a Chinese bug among the corn, which it is found will be the destruction of the corn.

Thursday—17th
Warm. Fair growing weather. It is supposed if the weather continues favorable for the growth of the corn the bug will not do any great harm.

Saturday—18th
Went to the Courthouse in gig. Roads are very very muddy.

Tuesday—22nd
Total eclipse of the moon. Duration, 3 hours.

Monday—28th
Sent out invitations to all the friends of my school.

August —1823
Friday—1st
Examination of my pupils. A considerable number of gentlemen and ladies were assembled on this occasion. We got through the exercises real well.

Monday—4th
Mr. and Mrs. Payne sat out for King George County with my horse and gig.

Tuesday—5th
Eliza and myself are keeping house in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. P.

Saturday—9th
Mr. and Mrs. Payne returned home.

Tuesday—12th
Sat off for Alexandria in gig. Arrived at Fairfax Courthouse, and put up. Bad travelling.

Wednesday—13th
Up early and rode to Alexandria, and arrived at 10 o'clock. Proceeded on horseback to Washington. Returned to Alexandria, and put up at Clagett's Hotel. The object of this journey was to get Judge Washington's deed acknowledged by his attorney, F. S. Key, who resdies in Georgetown. His being from home, I cannot do anything. I have, however, left all the papers with Dr. Sewall in Washington and taken his receipt for same. The Dr. is to call on Mr. Key on his return and he will inform me by letter concerning the subject.

Thursday—14th
Called on William A. Williams, Alexandria, and got my clock for which I am to pay him $1.50. Sat off for home about 5 o'clock, and arrived there about 11 o'clock in the night, very much fatigued. Brought home from Centerville a dog that a gentleman gave me.

Friday—15th, August
Up early, and attended my horse which was overcome with the heat yesterday. Mrs. Sewall returned by sunset.

Monday—18th
Attended school.

Saturday—23rd
Finished the roof on my meat house.

Friday—29th
This has been a very warm and dry week.

Sunday—31st
Rode to Page land owned by Mr. Whitney Diggs, where there is a Camp Meeting. Returned home by dark.

September, 1823. UNION.
Monday—1st — Friday—5th
Dry and warm during the past week.

Sunday—7th
Attended meeting at Warrenton. Heard Rev. Mr. Jones.

Tuesday—9th
Went to the school house but no one there so I returned home.

Sunday—14th
Mrs. Sewall and myself dined at Mr. Payne's.

Monday—22nd
Attended school. Very great change in the weather. Cold.

Saturday—27th
Rode to Mr. S. Pickett's, and spent the day.

Tuesday—30th
Cold morning. Heavy white frost.

October — 1823
Saturday—4th
Mr. Lee Speake came to Mr. D. Payne's. He is married and left his lady at Warrenton. Went to Warrenton with Mr. Speake and returned immediately with himself and lady. We are all at Mr. Payne's.

Sunday—5th
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Speake are at my house where they will remain for the present.

Tuesday—7th
Mr. Speake left us for Maryland. We find Mrs. Speake to be of fine acquaintance and interesting. Also amiable. Added to this she has a mind stored with useful information.

Saturday—11th
Attended the Muster of Cavalry at Warrenton.

Monday—13th
Attended school, but not well.

Thursday—16th
Did not attend school. Winter Payne quite sick.

Sunday—19th
Attended meeting at Mr. Diggs. Mr. Speake returned from Maryland, and brought me a letter from F. E. Dunnington, and also $100.00.

Monday—20th
Mrs. Sewall, Mr. and Mrs. Speake went out to Mrs. Bastable's.

Tuesday—21st
Mr. Speake and lady sat off for Maryland. I wrote to Alexander Adams giving him an order on Mr. I. Posy for the amount of his account against me for more or less than $30.09.

Saturday—25th
Up early and went over to Mr. Scott's, and got my hog which strayed over there last fall. Attended Battalion Muster at Warrenton. Paid Inman Horner, Esq. the amount of judgement in favor of A. Holman and Co., amounting to $74.47.

Wednesday—29th
Very rainy which kept me from attending school. Kept busy through the day arranging accounts.

November — 1823
Saturday—1st
Very rainy, which prevented me from riding through the school neighborhood to make arrangements about building a new school house, per agreement. Daubing meat house.

Tuesday—4th
Received letter from father.

Wednesday—5th
No school. Called the principal of my subscribers together to consult measures about a school house.

Saturday—8th
Busily employed with Mrs. Week's horse and wagon in hauling logs for corn house and other buildings.

Tuesday—11th
Attended school. Rode down to Mr. Hart's and borrowed his cross-cut saw. My negro woman is in a critical condition caused by a fall. Sent for Mrs. Barditt.

Thursday—13th
Hired Mr. Hill's cart, oxen, and boy to haul logs.

Saturday—15th
Busy hauling and putting up my corn house.
Thursday—20th
Mrs. Sewall went to Warrenton. Commenced fattening my beef* that Mr. Payne made me a present of, on corn.

Saturday—22nd
Mrs. Dr. Clarkson and her sister, Miss

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*This calf had been fed corn only five days.

Payne, spent the day at our house. The farmers have nearly finished gathering their corn. The corn is excellent, and is now selling for cash from $1.25 to $1.50 per bushel.

Saturday—29th
Killed the beef which Mr. Payne made me a present of some days ago. Weighed total 317 pounds.

Sunday—30th
Sat off in gig with Mrs. Sewall for Warrenton to attend Church, but meeting with an accident to the gig we were obliged to return. Roads are very bad.

December — 1823
Monday—1st
Attended school.

Thursday—4th
Cut up and salted beef. Did not attend school.

Saturday—6th
Mr. Hill loaned me his cart, oxen and boy to haul logs. They came later. Went to the shoemaker's.

Friday—12th
Closed my school for the year, which amounts to $234.00. Rained most of the day.

Tuesday—16th
Riding through the neighborhood on business.

Wednesday—17th
Went to Mr. Hill's.

Monday—22nd
Went to Warrenton on business. Permitted Mr. E. Helm, Merchant there to purchase me 200 pounds of pork.

Thursday—25th
Christmas. Mrs. Sewall and myself dined at Mr. Hart's. Cold and chilly.

Friday—26th
Dined at Clifton in company with Mr. Payne's family. Purchased 137 pounds of pork at $5.00 per Cwt., total $8.35.

Tuesday—30th
Mr. Payne and family dined with us and are to spend the night.

Wednesday—31st
Mr. Payne's family are with us. I have been hauling logs for the new building I am building.

January — 1824. Union.
Thursday—1st
Went to the Courthouse. Hired out Dick to Mr. Scott for $45.00, Ben to Mr. Seaton for $17.00, and Lucy to Walter B. McCoy for $10.00 for the ensuing year (negro slaves).

Friday—2nd
Rode to the Courthouse. Settled with Mr. McCormick who hired my girl Lucy last year. He had an account against me for corn, and we agreed onto discharge the hire of Lucy—viz—$8.00.

Monday—5th
At. Mr. Payne's. I came home and built me a hog style. Eliza came home at sunset.

Wednesday—7th
Rode around through the neighborhood, relative to school. Find by inquiring I shall have but a small number to teach this year.

Thursday—8th
Eliza and myself rode to Mr. Bastable's and from there I went to the tanner's. Very warm.

Saturday—10th
Eliza came home. My negro woman, Nellie, was delivered of a fine healthy daughter about sundown.

Monday—12th
Commenced school. Warm.

Tuesday—13th
Rode to Warrenton and back before breakfast.

Friday—16th
Went over to Monroe's before breakfast. Purchased 95 pounds of pork of Mr. M........ at $6.00 per Cwt.

Saturday—17th

Anniversary of my birthday... 27 years old. Devoted part of the day to fasting, humiliation and prayer. I hope it was profitable time to my soul.

Saturday—24th

Busy hauling wood part of the day. Dined at Mr. Payne's. Aunt Lucy is with us.

Friday—30th

Having heard of my man Dick showing a disposition to elope with a negro woman to claim as his wife, she being about to be carried South, sat off early in pursuit and found him. Having made the necessary precaution to prevent his leaving me I returned him, much fatigued.

February — 1824

Friday—6th

Mr. Payne began getting in ice for the icehouse. It is not more than three inches thick. Lucy Bastable is with us.

Saturday—14th

Raining, which prevented Mrs. Sewall and myself from attending meeting at Major Digg's.

Sunday—29th

Remained at home, there being no preaching within my reach.

March — 1824

Monday—1st to Saturday—6th

This week has been delightful.

Friday—12th

I left school at 12 o'clock and went to Warrenton.

Saturday—13th

Borrowed $3.31 from Mr. George Monroe, and gave him my note on demand with interest. Sowed English Peas and Onions in the garden.

Wednesday—17th

Attended school.

Thursday—25th

Cloudy part of the day.

Wednesday—31st

Rode via Capt. Pickett's to school and borrowed the 1st Volume of Rollin's Ancient History, which I commenced reading. Evening wrote Dr. Sewall. I enclosed under cover to Hon. I. Cashman, Member of Congress, Washington, in order to save postage.

April — 1824

Wednesday—7th

Some of my neighbors are planting corn by way of beginning.

Saturday—10th

Mr. Lee Speake is at Mr. Payne's. Mr. Hart and myself rode and attended the Muster at Warrenton. Settled with Mr. B. Day and gave my note for $71.22½. After supper I went to Mr. Payne's and brought Mr. Speake home with me to take care of some important business. Unfortunately we fell out, that is he got mad.

Sunday—11th

Mr. Speake left us very early and went to Mr. Payne's. Feel very sorry for what passed last night, not that I have done anything wrong, but that Mr. Speake should have got in such a passion.

Monday—12th

Saw Mr. Speake at Mr. Payne's. He says I gave him the lie, which I did not. He is not disposed to make up.

Tuesday—13th

Mr. Speake and Mr. Payne breakfasted with me. He returned to Mr. Payne's, and from there he went to Maryland. I attended school where I found an increase in my number. Mr. Nelson's two children, Thomas, and Mary Ann, also two others, viz. Samuel and Sally Lyon, and two more sent by the school commission.

Thursday—15th

Dismissed my school until Tuesday morning.

Friday—16th

At work on farm and hog style. Not well. Took medicine. This prevents me from going over to the meeting of the Presbyterians, but I hope I shall be able to go tomorrow. Evening I went to Mr. Hart's.

Saturday—17th
After breakfast I proceeded to Culpeper Courthouse where I arrived between 11 and 12 o'clock. The morning exercises were nearly over. Dined at Ward's Hotel. Evening attended the exercises and then came out to Mr. Richard Payne's, an uncle of Mr. Daniel Payne, a distance of 5 miles. Here I was very kindly received.

Sunday—18th
Mr. Richard Payne and myself went to the Courthouse. We arrived there in good season. The meeting was very full, and to me it was very interesting. The sacrament was administered to a large number. I returned home with Mr. Payne.

Monday—19th
Returned home by noon. I met a number of people who were on their way to attend the election at the Culpeper Courthouse. Found the family all well. Dined at Mr. Daniel Payne's. Came home with Eliza before sunset.

Friday—23rd
Clear in the evening. Made gate to my garden.

Sunday—25th
Eliza and myself rode as far as Mr. Burditt's and took our dinner, and from thence we went to Mr. Charles Kemper's where we heard Mr. Jones preach. He baptised our little son Henry.

April—1824
Monday—26th
Attended the election of candidate for Senate and House of Representatives for the State. Col. Thomas was elected for Senate by majority of 27. Wallace and Marshall for Representatives.

Thursday—24th
Did not attend school on account of rain. Paid Mr. George Monroe $2.50 on account.

May — 1824
Saturday—8th
Pleasant morning. Attended the Muster as a member of the Light A Artillery at Germantown. Returned home by dusk. Received letters from father, (See Appendix No. 1, Letter No. —) sister Susan, Maj. Hamilton, and Dr. Sewall.

Sunday—16th
Attended meeting with Mrs. Sewall at Carter's Run, where Mr. Patterson and Mr. Dorson preached to a crowded audience. At 4 o'clock rode to Mr. Charles Kemper's and heard Rev. Mr. Jones preach. Very warm.

Tuesday—18th
Wrote my father and Maj. Hamilton.

Thursday—20th
Delightful morning. Eliza and myself at Mr. Payne's.

Friday—21st
Eliza and myself home from Mr. Payne's. Began my stable and gig house.

Sunday—23rd
Attended meeting at Warrenton where I heard a Mr. James Sewall a Methodist who I expect is distantly related.

Monday—24th
Attended school part of the day. Dismissed at 12 and rode to Warrenton. Warranted Smith Dulim, per Mr. Richard, Constable, for the amount of note assigned me by Mr. Payne for the sum of $5.60, interest from

January 1st, 1823.

Wednesday—26th
Mr. Gateman entered his two sons for instruction for $10.00.

Friday—28th
Mr. Morrison and lady took tea with us.

Saturday—29th
Mr. Payne dined with us. Wrote the commissioners of Levy from Charles County, Md., John L. Chapman, Esq.

Sunday—30th
Attended meeting at Warrenton. To-day I left off my flannels.

June — 1824
Monday—7th
Holy Day. No school.

Saturday—12th
Took my clock to pieces and cleaned it. Rode to Mr. Smith's to attend Magistrate's meeting.

Monday—14th
Did not attend school, being unwell.

Friday—25th
No school. Attended meeting at Warrenton where the new Presbyterian Church was opened and deicated for the service of God. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached. Rev. Mr. Williamson and Rev. Mr. Jones aided in the exercises.

July — 1824
Friday—2nd
The children being kept at home on account of harvesting, and the remainder which will attend for two weeks being only 3 or 5, I am induced to give 1 week's vacation. Consequently broke up at 12.

Saturday—3rd
Independence celebrated at Warrenton. I have been busily engaged in filing papers for Mr. Payne.

Tuesday—6th
Quite a number of the white children have the measles.

Thursday—8th
This is excellent weather for the farmers to gather their grain. The wheat is very good.

Friday—9th
Did not attend school. Very rainy through the day. Mr. Payne's children are very sick from the measles.

Thursday—15th
Mr. Diggs entered his son for school.

Friday—16th
My man, Dick, came home sick.

Saturday—24th
Mr. Payne and lady dined with us.

Monday—25th
Mr. Diggs entered his two daughters for instruction at my school.

Wednesday—28th
Very warm through the past night. (Dog days begin).

Saturday—31st
Built a large chicken coop.

August — 1824
Monday—2nd
Mr. Eli Holtzclaw's son quit school again to-day.

September — 1824
Wednesday—1st
Whitewashing my house.

Saturday—4th
Eliza and myself rode to Clifton for the purpose of spending the day, but they being from home, we returned.

Monday—6th
Major Digg's two sons have been attending school since the 9th of August, but they have been absent one week, attending camp meeting. If the Major should insist on that much time being deducted, I shall do it—what time they may be absent during seeding of wheat, etc., which I expect will be about this time is to be deducted only by particular request.

Wednesday—8th
Went to the school house. There being but one scholar there I did not remain, but went on to Blackwell's Mill and put up an advertisement relating to my school for the next year.

Monday—20th
Bad weather so I did not attend school. Being unwell I took medicine. Received letters from Maj. Baldwin Day, and Mr. Horner of Warrenton, and wrote these gentlemen in answer to theirs.

Saturday—25th
Whitewashed my house. Dined with Mr. Payne in company with Mrs. James Kelley and Miss Kelley and Mr. Diggs.

Sunday—26th
Eliza and myself attended meeting at the Episcopal Church at Warrenton. Rev. Mr.

Barnes (a promising young man of talent) gave us a good sermon on "Total Depravity." I think he is quite orthodox. Text: Romans, 3rd Chapter, 9th Verse.

Monday—27th
Wrote to John G. Chapman, Esq., attorney at Port Tobacco, directing him to place $85.00 in the hands of Mr. Clagett, Alexandria for the use of Baldwin Day.

October — 1824
Saturday—2nd
Dined at Mr. Payne's. Rev. Mr. Jones called on me this evening. He has engaged to preach at Capt. Baker's in Culpeper County, 12 or 14 miles from here and wishes me to accompany him.

Sunday—3rd
Up early and rode to Mr. Wm. Blackwell's, and took breakfast, where I found Mr. Jones, after which we proceeded on and arrived in due season. A considerable number of people were present. Mr. Jones preached well. After dinner Mr. Jones returned with me.

Monday—4th
Capt. Digg's two daughters re-entered school. They have been absent 4 weeks which will be deducted at the end of the school year.

Tuesday—5th
George Helm repaired my saddle, for which he charged $1.12½. My amount against him for tuition is $1.63, leaving balance of $.50½.

Saturday—9th
Attended Company Muster at Warrenton. Received a letter from a man at Fairfax Courthouse, stating that my boy Ben was committed to jail in that place. He had run away from Mr. Seaton some time since. I have been prevented from attending meeting at Mr. Blackwell's, but Mrs. Sewall, and sister, Betsy, attended and they met with an accident with the gig. I hope, however, as bad as the accident, that I will be able to mend the gig.

Monday—11th
Did not attend school to-day. Rode to Mr. Seaton's and gave him information of my man, Ben. He will start on the morrow.

Tuesday—12th
Returned home and attended school. Mr. Middle, overseer for Mr. Payne, left him today.

Wednesday—13th
Mr. Seaton called by, with my boy Ben, on his way for Fairfax Courthouse.

Amount of jailer's fees	$3.75
Fee for apprehending, and mileage at 10c per mile	$6.00
Turning in and out of jail	$1.00
Mr. Seaton's expenses	$1.75
	$12.50

Thursday—14th
Mr. Seaton returned home, and Ben stayed with me for examination. I sent him on after granting him pardon upon the promise that he will do better, this being the first offense of this kind, and as Ben complains that Mr. Seaton is a hard man to work for, and supposing that half he says to be true, I am disposed to make allowances. Did not attend school. Sawed out the windows of the new school house. (Ben a slave).

Wednesday—20th
Dismissed my school until Tuesday morning.

Thursday—21st
Repaired my gig.

Tuesday—26th
Very rainy which prevents me from attending school. I worked on the new school house.

Wednesday—27th
Attended school. Loaned my gig to Rev. Mr. Jones to go to Fredericksburg.

Thursday—28th
Eliza spent the day at Maj. Diggs.

November — 1824
Monday—1st
Pleasant and mild. Evening after school went down to Mr. Harts.

Thursday—4th
Rev. Mr. Jones returned my gig. I rode to Warrenton.

Saturday—13th
Very cold the last night. Chinked the negro quarter.

Friday—19th
Mr. Bastable is with us. Mr. Payne took Dick, and finished the negro quarter.

Saturday—20th
Eliza and sister Betsy rode to the Courthouse in gig. I remained home and engaged in completing the negro oquarter. I partly covered the house.

Friday—26th
Finished the negro quarter, and they moved into it.

Tuesday—30th
Mild and pleasant weather. Began to feed my horse on shorts, mixed with corn meal. 3 bushels of shorts and two of corn.
December — 1824

Wednesday—1st
Settled with Mr. Rueben Hitt. There is a balance of $3.79 due me. Mr. Hitt has agreed to deliver me three barrels of corn and discharge the same.

Saturday—4th
Very cold, attended with high wind. Mr. Payne killed his hogs.

Tuesday—7th
Mr. Bruce of Foxes mill brought home my Ben, who has again left Mr. Seaton—expense $5.80.

Wednesday—8th
After school I rode up to Mr. Seaton's.

Saturday—11th
Rode to Mr. Smith's, carried boy Ben along with me to Mr. Seaton's. Saw the Constable today and he has appointed Monday to sell property to satisfy a judgement of Sewall vs. Sudduth.

Sunday—12th
Attended meeting at Warrenton. Rev. Mr. Jones preached. Received a letter from Mr. G. Chapman, Esq., my Attorney of Port Tobacco, Maryland.

Tuesday—14th
Mr. William Seaton sent me a beef on foot for the sum of $6.00, which I am to allow him on the hire of boy Ben.

Tuesday—21st
Killed my hogs, net weight 280 pounds.

Saturday—25th
Christmas at Mr. Daniel Payne's.

Monday—27th
Went to Warrenton and hired my man Dick out to Mr. Scott for the next year, for $45.00.

Tuesday—28th
Mr. Payne and family dined with us.

Friday—31st
Dined at Capt. Digg's.

January — 1825
Saturday—1st
Very rainy most of the day. Towards night it commenced to snow, wind very high, and a real Atlantic storm. I rode to Warrenton and hired out Ben to Mr. Kirby of this County for $17.00, and Mr. Scott takes Dick at the same price of the last year, to-wit, $45.00.

Sunday—2nd
Ground covered with snow.

Monday—3rd
Rode to Fisher's Mills.

Tuesday—4th
Rode to Ball's Mill and got slabs for benches for the school house. I am getting ready in order to commence business on Monday, next.

Wednesday—5th
At work on school house. There is about

6 inches of snow on the ground, which makes very good sleighing.

Friday—7th

At work on school house. Hired Mr. John Morrow to assist me.

Saturday—8th

At work on the school house. Very cold and disagreeable. Walked to Mr. Morrow's, and got him to attend to my business at the Magistrate meeting. Wrote to Richards, the Constable.

Monday—10th

Rode to Warrenton before breakfast. Received letters and paper from Mr. Winter of Alabama.

Tuesday—11th

At work on the school house. Finished this day. Mr. John Morrow has been at work with me, and his account is $150.00.

Wednesday—12th

Commenced school. Mr. Payne's, and Mr. Digg's sons were the only ones present.

Saturday—15th

Rode to Blackwell's Mill, and then to Mr. Scott's, where I saw his overseer, who acknowledges the bond sent me by Mr. Scott on him for $16.50. He promises to pay the amount as soon as he can sell some wheat.

Monday—17, 1825

Birthday—28 years old.

Wednesday—19th

After school, Eliza and myself went to Capt. Digg's on a visit.

Thursday—20th

After breakfast I returned home in season for school.

Friday—21st

Killed my beef which I purchased of Mr. Seaton some weeks ago.

4 quarters weighed 232 lbs., @ 3½c.	$8.12	
Hide weighed 31 lbs.	$1.24	
Rough tallow and hull	$1.00	
Total	$10.36	
I gave for it on the hoof	$6.00	
Feeding	$2.00	
	$8.00	$8.00
I gain		$2.36

Attended sale of the Sudduth property, for my benefit. A settlement was effected without a sale, and the creditors paid off. I, of course, got my money. Mr. Payne delivered me 12 barrels of corn I bought of Arron Bise, on account of Charles Middleton.

Saturday—22nd

Kept school this day to make up for lost time yesterday. Walked over to Mr. George Morrow's and paid his son, John, in full for services rendered at school house, and received his receipt in full.

Saturday—29th

Setting glass in school house.

Sunday—30th

Rev. Mr. Jones preached at my house by appointment. Mr. Hugh McCormick has this day written that he will take Lucy for this year for $10.00, which I concluded to take by his allowing her the usual clothing.

February — 1825

Saturday—5th

Son, Henry, is some better. Remained home all day. Sister Payne and some of the family dined with us.

Sunday—6th

Went to Warrenton to Church, and heard Rev. Mr. Jones preach. Henry is much better.

Thursday—10th

Fixed my window in the school house. Paid Mr. Keith 25c in full.

Saturday—12th

Mended my stables. Burnt my chimney, etc.

Friday—18th

After school I went to Capt. Digg's. Mrs. Sewall sent there in the morning.

Thursday—24th
Paid my taxes. There is an understanding between Daniel Payne, and Thomas I. Little, that in case he, the said Little, shall fail to collect any of the bonds assigned to him on the 4th instant, that said Payne is not to be held responsible for any part of the principal, interest, or cost, assuring thereon the said Little agrees to stand to the gain or loss of the same—before me and in my presence—Wm. Sewall.

Monday—28th
Went to the Courthouse.

March — 1825
Saturday—5th
Sun came out after being held in the clouds for 8 or 9 days. Went to Mr. Rueben Hitt's, and got three barrels of corn in full payment of our account.

Wednesday—16th
Very rainy through the day. Did not attend school.

Saturday—19th
Built a hen house.

Tuesday—22nd
Making stakes for garden fence at leisure time from school.

Wednesday—23rd
Planted onions, sowed cabbage bed.

Saturday—26th
Heard Mr. James Sewall preach at Maj. Digg's. After having dined with them and spent most of the evening I returned home.

Monday—28th
Went to Court, being a quarterly term. Cool.

Wednesday—30th
Walked over to Mrs. Timberlake's after school, accompanied by Mrs. Monroe—of her I rented a small piece of land to keep Mima, and my horse, Bonny, employed making corn.

April — 1825
Saturday—2nd
Sowed beets, parsnips, and carrots.

Sunday—3rd
I remained home all day on account of snowing.

Wednesday—6th
Dismissed school until Monday next.

Saturday—9th
Rode to Courthouse and attended company muster. Received a letter from my father, which gave me the account of the death of my sister, Mary, who expired on the 15th of March, last.

Sunday—10th
In consequence of my horse being sick today, I did not go to the meeting at Warrenton.

Monday—11th
My horse some better. Sent to mill with him. He was taken worse on his return, and died between 9 and 10 o'clock in the night.

Monday—18th
Capt. Digg's three children, viz: Elizabeth, Matilda, and West, commenced school.

Saturday—23rd
Attended meeting at Warrenton, being a two-day meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Williamson, Jones, and Frost were present. There was a private meeting at the Church at 4 o'clock in order to elect elders. Major Powell and Mr. White were chosen.

Monday—25th
Senatorial and Representative election. Did not keep school. Commenced listing for corn with Mima and mare Bonny. Very warm. Dined at Mr. Payne's.

Wednesday—27th
Received 5th and 6th volumes of "Scott's Family Bible" the remaining volumes containing the old Testament, I expect to receive shortly. For this work I am to pay Mr. Jones $16.50 which is $2.75 per volume.

Saturday—30th
Finished listing for corn.

May 1—1825
Sat up last night to watch the corpse of Dr. Clarkson's child, who died yesterday.

Tuesday—3rd
Commenced planting corn.

Wednesday—4th
No children at school. Marked off my cornfield. Very wet.

Tuesday—10th
Maj. Digg's daughter, Hester, commenced school at the rate of $10.00.

Sunday—15th
Mr. Waite and Mr. Payne and myself went to Warrenton to church. After meeting, Mr. Payne and myself dined at Mr. Horner's. We then came home.

Wednesday—18th
Dismissed school until Monday morning.

Thursday—19th
Attended Muster at Germantown.

Friday—20th
Whitewashed school house.

Monday—23rd
Holy Day. Mr. Payne and Miss Moxley dined at our house.

Tuesday—24th
Attended school. Heavy shower of rain.

Monday—30th
Posting books and attending school.

June — 1825
Sunday—5th
Heavy rain and violent wind during the past night. In consequence of the bad weather, Rev. Mr. Jones will not preach at my school, agreeably to an appointment previously.

Monday—6th
Received a letter from sister Susan.

Thursday—9th
Capt. Digg's son has been absent from school this week on account of sickness.

Friday—10th
Very unwell with a cold.

Saturday—11th
Had a very sick night, but feel better today. Wrote to F. E. Dunnington, by Mr. Winter, who goes to Maryland today.

Saturday—18th
Eliza and myself went to Capt. Digg's. I went fishing.

Sunday—19th
Returned home from Capt Digg's.

Monday—20th, 1825
Some farmers in the adjacent neighborhood commenced harvesting their crops of wheat. Mr. Winter returned from Maryland.

Monday—27th
Attended school. Gave a holiday to the children until Monday, next.

Wednesday—29th
Eliza and sister, Betsy, went to the Courthouse. Rained in the evening.

Thursday—30th
I had this day a severe attack of inflammation of the bowels.

July — 1825
Saturday—2nd
Had Dr. Digg's called, and prescribe my case. Got bled.

Sunday—3rd
Taking salts freely. Dr. bled me.

Thursday—7th
Convalescing slowly.

Sunday—10th
Mr. Blackwell called on me. Gaining slowly. Rice and milk is my diet.

Friday—15th
Mr. and Mrs. Diggs called to see me. I rode out, which did me good.

Monday—18th
Capt. Diggs goes up by my request to John Kirby's, and got Ben, being hired there. I am getting much better. I have had two sulphur bathes which has helped me very much.

Tuesday—19th
Mr. McCormick has given up Lucy this day.

Tuesday—26th
Spent the day at Mr. Payne's. I this day place to the care of Mr. Winter, five of my negro slaves, to-wit: Dick, Ben, Lucy, Mima, and Kitta, and authorized him to carry them to Alabama at my risk, and expense to hire out for my benefit. (Mr. Payne a brother-in-law).

Wednesday—27th
All the negroes, and Mr. Winter, started on their journey.

Sunday—31st
Mr. Payne did not return from Culpeper until this morning. He accompanied Mr. Winter at the Culpeper Courthouse. The negroes got within 6 or 7 miles of the Culpeper Courthouse the first day. From there they went on very cheerfully.

August — 1825
Monday—1st
I have had a sort of colic during the last night. Called on Dr. Digg's.

Tuesday—2nd
I feel much better. Rode out with Mr. Payne.

Wednesday—3rd to Saturday—6th
Attended the Sulphur Springs.

Sunday—7th
Attended meeting at Warrenton. Subscribed for the "Religious Intelligence," price $2.50, payable in advance. Rev. Mr. Jones has paid for this coming year, ending May, 1926. I am, therefore, indebted to him for that sum, as also for one quarter postage, ending August 31, being 1½c per paper, and one paper per week—78c per year.

Monday—8th
Commenced school.

Friday—12th
Mr. Payne received a letter from Mr. Winter last evening, dated Lexington, Va., August 2. They were then 160 miles on their way. It appears they travel about 20 miles per day, it being ten days, now, since that letter was written, and 17 days since they started from here. Consequently at the râte of 20 miles per day, they would be 340 miles on their way to-night.

Thursday—18th
No school to-day in consequence of the rain, and there being no scholars. At Mr. Payne's most of the day. Mr. Digg's took his two sons out of school yesterday on account of the camp meeting.

Saturday—20th
Rode to Mr. Fisher's Mill and assisted Mr. Payne in the settlement of his account. Went to my cornfield. It has a promising appearance.

Tuesday—23rd
Went to Warrenton. General LAFAYETTE was received with much pomp and style by the civil and military. Many people were present on the occasion.

Wednesday—24th
Dr. Dyson and wife, and Mr. Payne's family dined with us. I attended school. Mr. John Fisher's son commenced school.

Saturday—27th
Dr. Dyson and lady, and Mrs. Bastable spent the night with us. Mr. and Mrs. Dyson left, and went as far as Mrs. Moxley's. I rode to the Courthouse this day and received a receipt for Mr. D. Payne, of money paid by him on account of Mr. Charles Middleton, dated January 10th, 1825.

Wednesday—31st
Mr. Payne received a letter from Mr. Winter dated August 17th. 500 miles away, and all well.

September—1825
Saturday—3rd
Received a letter from Mr. Semmes of Kentucky.

Sunday—4th
Attended meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Sacramental occasion. There was a large congregation present. Eliza at-

tended meeting with me today, but the lateness of the hour of such occasions and the distance we have to ride deprives her, of these privileges often.

Saturday—10th
Cut my top fodder* today. Warm and dry.

Monday—12th to Saturday—17th
I have been busy what time I could spare from my school in drawing off accounts for Mr. Payne.

Saturday—24th
Went to the Courthouse.

Sunday—25th
Home all day. Eliza rode up to Mr. Bastable's.

October — 1825

Saturday—1st
Hauling fodder home from my cornfield with Mr. Payne's cart and oxen.

Tuesday—4th
Discovered a comet in the sky, East about 2 hours high, between 10 and 11 o'clock. It appeared to be moving south of East.

Friday—7th
Sylvester Monroe made me a pair of shoes, for which I am to allow him in tuition. Very warm and sultry. Much like the weather in July.

Saturday—8th
Company Muster, Capt. Brook's Artillery. I attended.

Friday—14th
Robert Fisher has not attended school this week.

Saturday—15th
Hauling fodder from cornfield.

Sunday—16th
Attended meeting at Warrenton.

Tuesday—18th
Snowy. Very cold.

Wednesday—26th
Dismissed my school until Monday morning, for the purpose of hauling my corn.

Saturday—29th
Hauled in all my corn with the exception of one load. Mr. Benjamin Bolin assisted me. Heavy white frost this morning.

Monday—31st
Finished hauling in my corn.

November — 1825

Tuesday—1st
Mr. Diggs, Arthur Bastable, and Mr. Payne dined with us.

Saturday—5th
Laid the floor of my hog pen.

Sunday—6th
Eliza taken unwell. Sent for Mrs. Burditt. I remained at home. Eliza was delivered of a daughter about seven o'clock evening. Mrs. Bastable is with us. (Catherine T. H.)

Monday—7th
Eliza quite comfortable.

Tuesday—8th
Put up my hogs to fatten.

Thursday—10th
Eliza not so well today.

Sunday—13th
Eliza rather poorly today. I remained home.

Sunday—20th
Went to see Mr. Monroe's son who is sick with Typhoid fever.

Tuesday—22nd
James W. Kelley, Deputy Sheriff for this County served two writs on me for debts, being on two notes of hand given in favor of Mr. Lee Speake. This surprised me very much as he is owing my wife, who administrated the estate of Richard B. Meek, Deceased, $300.00. This amount he has received more than the other representatives, and the above two notes were merely given as a memorandum between us. Mr. Kemper became my bail.

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*Top fodder: this refers to cutting the corn stalks just above the ear.

Thursday—24th
Commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Thomas Diggs.

Saturday—26th
Went to Mr. John Scott, and having laid the affairs between Speake and myself before him, employed him to defend the suit for which I am to pay him $20.00. Ten dollars in each case. Salted a hind quarter of beef that Mr. Payne presented me.

Monday—28th
Went to Court. Major Diggs was nominated Sheriff for the County, the term of two years for which a Sheriff is allowed to serve.

December — 1825
Monday—5th
Evening went to the Courthouse to transact business for Mr. Payne, and on account to Mr. Winter. Received a letter from Mr. Winter.

Wednesday—7th
Mr. Diggs dined with me. Bought of Mr. Payne 197 pounds of pork at $4.00.

Thursday—8th
My negro woman, Nellie was delivered of a female child about one o'clock noon.

Friday—9th
Borrowed of George Monroe, $5.00.

Saturday—10th
Sat off for Maryland. Arrived at the ferry house, west side of the Potomac by dark, where I will remain for the night.

Sunday—11th
Up early, and crossed the river. (Distance from here 3 miles). Came to F. E. Dunnington, Esq. for breakfast. After about ½ hour's conversation with him I returned to the river and recrossed, and went a distance of 22 miles.

Monday—12th
Came on to Evan's for breakfast, a distance of 8 miles, and then home, where I arrived about 3 o'clock.

Friday—16th
I have not kept school this week, mostly for the want of scholars.

Sunday—18th
Attended meeting at Mr. Miller's. Two negroes were baptised by immersion.

Tuesday—20th
Dr. Diggs sent me his bill for attendance for self and perscription for negro, Dick, amount, $20.00. He directed me to settle it with Maj. Diggs and Wm. H. Diggs in their accounts against them for tuition.

Wednesday—21st
Finished my school for this year.

Thursday—22nd
Killed my hogs.

Friday—23rd
Cut up and salted my hogs. Borrowed ½ bushel of salt from Major Diggs.

Sunday—25th
Christmas. Rainy and moderate weather.

Wednesday—28th
Eliza spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Diggs.

Thursday—29th
Rode to Mr. Diggs. He sat off this day, with his family, for James River. I returned home.

Saturday—31st
Fine weather again, but cool.

January — 1826. Union
Sunday—1st
Went to Mr. Wm. Blackwell's with the expectation of hearing preaching, Rev. Mr. Jones having made an appointment, but the rainy weather prevented. Cleared up in the evening and succeeded with a high wind.

Monday—2nd
Very cold. Rode to Warrenton.

Tuesday—3rd
Busy writing letters. Eliza and myself rode to Mr. Bastable's.

Wednesday—4th: January, 1826
At Mr. Bastable's. Miss Matilda Moxley came there in the eve.

Thursday—5th
We came home this morning from Mr. Bastable's.

Saturday—7th
Rode to Fisher's Mill and got weighed. 155 pounds.

Monday—9th
At school house cleaning up preparatory to commence on the morrow.

Tuesday—10th
Commenced school. No scholars present but Mr. Payne's. Eliza being at Mr. Payne's we have been prevailed on to stay for the present.

Wednesday—11th
At Mr. Payne's. Mild weather.

Thursday—12th
At Mr. Payne's. Rode to Mr. Henson's distillery, and bought one gallon of whiskey, which I let Mr. Payne have to pay him, being about the amount I have borrowed at different times. This gallon, with the one I got about Christmas time, will be settled in the way of tuition. Mr. Henson is to send to my school this year. Eliza and myself returned home. Mr. John Fisher's two daughters, and son John Fisher, commenced school yesterday for the year.

Saturday—14th
Riding through the neighborhood getting scholars.

Sunday—15th
Mr. Payne received a letter from his son Winter, dated at Tuscumbia, Alabama, Dec. 20th, 1825.

Tuesday—17th, 1826
Birthday—29 years of age.

Friday—20th
I have had 11 in number for the past week.

Monday—23rd
Went to the Courthouse. Received letters from Sister Susan, and Dr. Smith.

Tuesday—24th
Eliza at Mrs. Payne's helping sister Betsy about cutting out clothes.

Wednesday—25th
Eliza returned about sunset.

Saturday—28th
At home hanging up the pork which I bought of Mr. Payne, such as the hams, shoulders, etc. These have been in salt 7 weeks, sufficient time. In order to make good bacon, the pork must be well rubbed in salt and pepper, well mixed—one dozen pepper pods, dried by the fire, to a peck of salt. If salt is warmed a little previous to rubbing on the meat it will go in better. The hams and shoulders, after remaining in salt 7 weeks, must be well rubbed with hickory ashes before they are hung up to smoke. The middlings and other pieces and not rubbed.

February — 1826
Saturday—4th
Hanging up the balance of my pork to smoke.

Sunday—5th
At home. Sister Betsy dined with us.

Wednesday—8th
Ash Wednesday. Eliza rode to Mr. Bastable's.

Saturday—11th
Dark and foggy morning. Rode to Warrenton. Received a letter from father (See Appendix No. 1). P. Kemper, Constable at Warrenton, has a judgment against Thomas Burditt in favor of Mr. C. Scott, for my use. If collected I am to give said Mr. Scott credit for the amount, being $16.50, with interest from Jan. 1, 1825. I have seen Kemper this day, and he says Mr. J. Scott, Lawyer, has agreed to pay the amount. The amount will come in very well, inasmuch as I have employed Mr. Scott to appear in the case of Speake vs. Sewall. I hold Kemper's receipt for the bond delivered to him, dated May 1st, 1825.

Tuesday—14th
Valentine's Day. Turned very cold at sun-

set. There is an epidemic of influenza prevailing in this section of the country. I have had a slight attack of same, which was happily thrown off by a good portion of medicine.

Thursday—16th: February, 1826
Eliza quite sick with the influenza.

Monday—20th
Eliza very sick, but still able to be about. Very rainy through the day.

Tuesday—28th
Rainy through the day. The wheat is just beginning to make an appearance in the earth.

March — 1826
Saturday—4th
Very warm. The sun put out for the first time for days.

Sunday—5th
Attended meeting at Mr. Digg's.

Saturday—11th
At work in the garden. Sowed English peas. Cooler than yesterday.

Sunday—12th
At home most of the day. Hearing Mr. Payne had received letters from Alabama, I went up there. Mr. Winter has hired out all my negroes to one man for $333⅓. He is sure pay, and is a kind master. This is very well.

Thursday—23rd
Dismissed my school until Wednesday next, being usual holidays at Easter Festival.

Friday—24th
Set out onions this morning.

Saturday—25th
Went to Warrenton and settled my accounts with Mr. Baldwin Day, and Erasmus Helm, and gave them each my note. Mr. Payne received a letter from his son, Winter, and Duff Green. The latter cannot take his land as was expected. Of course, Mr. Payne will not in all probability move to Alabama at present. Saw Mr. Scott today, relative to my business in Court.

Monday—27th
Holiday. Went to Court.

Tuesday—28th
Plowed my garden.

Friday—31st
March goes out like a lion.

April — 1826
Saturday—1st
Henry weighed today 37 pounds, and Catherine weighed 16 pounds.

Sunday—2nd
Attended meeting at Carter's Run. Very rainy.

Monday—3rd to Saturday—8th
Foggy and rainy. Attended Muster with Company, with Capt. Brook's Eighth Artillery. Regimental Muster will take place Monday 8th, May next.

Tuesday—11th
Very cold and blustery. Some snow last night.

Thursday—12th
The fruit is supposed to be nearly killed from the cold.

Saturday—15th
More moderate. Went to Courthouse. Put notice in newspaper, relative to disposition, for which I am to pay $1.66. Received $5.00 from Constable Kemper, being on account of Mr. Burditt's note collected for John Scott. When I get the balance I am to credit John Scott for such amount.

Monday—17—Friday—21st: April 1826
The farmers are now in the height of planting. Later than common, it being cooler. My little negro John is very ill. His disease seems to be of a dropsical character.

Saturday—22nd
Mima's child, John, died this morning, one hour before day. His disease was dropsy.

Sunday—23rd
Attended meeting at Warrenton. Dined at Mr. Jones'. Took tea at Mr. Ingram's, and lodged at Mr. Jones's.

Tuesday—25th
Fine growing weather, being much warmer.

Saturday—30th
Went to the Courthouse. A number of singing scholars assembled, but on account of rain, Mr. Alexander of Frederickburg, did not attend.

May —1826
Sunday—1st
Attended meeting at Warrenton. Attended singing school in the evening.

Tuesday—2nd
Sowed beets and carrots. The farmers are about finished with planting corn in the neighborhood.

Saturday—6th
Prepared ground with cotton.

Sunday—7th
Eliza went to Carters Run, and I remained at home. The season is quite dry.

Monday—8th
Attended Regimental Muster at Germantown. Very warm.

Tuesday—9th
I planted cotton. Eliza went to Warrenton.

Saturday—13th
Went to Warrenton. Attended singing school. Late at night wrote to F. E. Dunnington, Esq., Maryland.

Sunday—14th
Richard Payne sat off for Maryland to do some business for me relating to the suit of Mr. Speake against myself.

Friday—19th
Richard Payne returned from Maryland. There are thousands of Locust insects which come over the ground this year. This is what is called Locust Year.

Sunday—21st
Very warm. Attended meeting at Mr. Blackwell's, where Rev. Mr. Jones preached by appointment. Eliza and the two children were with me. Had our little daughter baptised according to the Presbyterian Church. She was named Catherine Taliaferro Hooe, after her grandma. Dined at Mr. Blackwell's and stayed there over night.

Monday—22nd
Came home after an early breakfast.

Saturday—27th
Went to Warrenton. I was prevented from attending the singing school in consequence of being a witness in two cases, Commonwealth vs. 2 negroes.

June — 1826
Friday—2nd
Showers of rain which renders the ground moist for setting out cabbage plants. Improves the season accordingly.

Saturday—3rd
Hauling rails for the garden fence.

Saturday—10th
Went to Warrenton to singing school, but Mr. Alexander was not present. Received a letter from sister Susan.

Saturday—24th
Rode to Greenwich.

Sunday—25th
Attended meeting at Greenwich. Heard a Methodist preacher. Dined at Moxley's, came home and found Eliza at Mr. Bastable's. Very rainy, and the Run swelling very much.

Monday—26th
Tremendous storm of rain, which commenced in the night. The Run very high. Higher than it has been in thirty years. Much damage is already done to the corn. Went to Warrenton to attend Court. Had my suits continued until the August term. It is supposed, this be the case, that I shall not cross him. Wrote to Smith of Kentucky, by mail. There are a great many mill dams broken away, and much damage is done to the coming crops. Eliza is still at Bastable's, the Run being too high to cross.

Tuesday—27th
The run and water courses are falling very

fast. Eliza and the children came home today.

July — 1826

Saturday—1st

Went to Greenwich, where I had made an appointment to meet the young people of that place for the purpose of making up a singing school. Not finding any persons, I gave out another notice to meet them on the third Sabbath at 9 o'clock in the morning. Called at Moxley's, and then came back as far as Mr. Phil Johnson's.

Sunday—2nd

Came on to Warrenton to Church, and then returned home.

Tuesday—4th

The Hon. Thomas Jefferson, President of the U. S., died this day near Charlottsville, in this state, between one and two o'clock.

Friday—7th

Mr. Payne finished his harvesting.

Sunday—16th

Met, according to appointment, at Greenwich at the singing school, but have failed in the attempt. I was advised, however today, to make the late attempt at New Baltimore. Altered my subscription accordingly, and put same in the hands of Phil Johnson, who is to ascertain whether a school can be made up. Dined at Mrs. Moxley's. Returned home by dark.

Wednesday—19th

Broke up my school until Monday morning for the purpose of hearing Faulteyroy Ball's trial for robbery.

Friday—21st

Attended Court. The jury, having heard the cause, very ably defended by B. Harner, Smith and Wiles, and supported by the very able and eloquent Attorney for the State, returned, but were not able to make up their minds today.

Saturday—22nd

This morning I have understood the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner is again at liberty.

Sunday—23rd

Very warm. Rode to John Smith's, where were assembled a few young people, agreeably to my notice of making a singing school. Having given them a specimen of my singing, and having a few signers to my subscription, I returned home. I think there is a prospect for more.

Saturday—29th

Went to Warrenton, where was celebrated the funeral rites on account of the recent deaths of Ex-Presidents Adams and Jefferson. Ex-President Monroe was present, together with a very large concourse of the military and citizens. There was such a display of beauty and dress on this occasion, by the ladies. From there I went to Phil Johnson's.

Sunday—30th

Attended meeting at Broad Run. Returned home by sunset.

August — 1826

Tuesday—1st

Mr. Payne received a letter from Mr. Wm. Winter, dated Alabama, July 9th, which confirms the news of Winter Payne being married, which took place July 27th.

Sunday—6th

Sister Betsy, and Mrs. George Pickett were this morning baptised by immersion, by Rev. Oglesby.

Monday—7th

Mr. Payne's Sam went to Maryland to do some business for myself.

Wednesday—9th

Sam returned from Maryland.

Saturday—12th

Carried Eliza to Mr. Payne's, and I went to the Court house. Both returned at dusk.

Tuesday—15th

Being unwell I thought it best to remain home, and take medicine. I got Richard to attend my school.

Friday—18th

Mrs. Layer, and Mrs. Dr. Dunnington, of Maryland, came to Mr. Payne's.

Tuesday—22nd
Accompanied the ladies to Sulphur Springs. Richard Payne kept school for me.

Friday—25th
Dismissed my school for the term of one week. This has been a very warm week.

Monday—28th
Attended Court.

September — 1826

Monday—4th
Attended school. But few present. Eliza and the ladies went to Sulphur Springs. Dismissed my schhool for one week more. Took medicine.

Wednesday—6th
Went to the Springs with the ladies. Dr. Dunnington came up from Maryland.

Thursday—7th
Dr. Dunnington and myself rode to the Springs.

Saturday—9th
Commenced my singing school at Piper's Church. But few present.

Monday—11th
Dr. Dunnington and lady, and Mrs. Layer sat off for home, via Alexandria. Commenced school. Warm.

Monday—18 to Friday—22nd
Very dry weather.

Saturday—23rd
Went to Piper's Church. Commenced raining before I arrived there. Got very wet. Very few attended.

Tuesday—26th
Great deluge of rain.

October — 1826

Tuesday—10th
White frost. I heard James Smelling tell Mr. Payne that he was not to receive any money for the work he was doing for him this season, but that he was to be paid in such things as Payne could spare. And he also said that Payne was not owing him anything at this time.—Memorandum made at the request of Mr. Payne.

Saturday—14th
Attended Company Muster with Capt. Brook's Light Artillery. Maj. Diggs served a summons on me requiring me to appear at the November Court and answer to the I. W. Alexander in the sum of $14.00, filed against me among his schedule of debts given out.

Thursday—26th
Rode with Mr. Daniel Payne to see Elisa Jeffries, who in my presence, made sundry acknowledgement concerning matters relative to a bond which Dr. Payne gave him for a negro named Ben, who has since proved unsound, diseased, and since died. Made out a statement of these facts, and filed a duplicate among my papers.

Friday—27th
Finished a very tedious calculation, and a plot of a survey made by Daniel Payne for Mrs. Learly. It has occupied my time mostly this week.

Monday—30th
I went to Clifton to assist in a settlement between Mr. Payne, and John Dulin. The latter did not appear. Returned home.

November — 1826

Wednesday—1st to Sunday—5th
Very rainy season.

Thursday—9th
Eliza went to Warrenton, dealing.

Friday—10th
This is the commencing of what is called Indian Summer.

Monday—27th
Attended quarterly Court.

Thursday—30th
Pleasant weather. Attended Court.

December — 1826

Saturday — 2nd
Cooler weather. Spent the evening with Rev. Mr. Oglevile at Mr. Payne's.

Monday—4th: December, 1826
Commenced hailing early this morning, which soon changed to snow. About 8 or 10 inches fell. At night it set in to raining.

Tuesday—5th
Went to the Courthouse, and attended Court. My cases are not to be tried until tomorrow.

Saturday—9th
Attended warrant trial, as a witness between Daniel Payne, and James Henson.

Monday—11th
Bought 71 pounds of pork for $1½.

Thursday—14th
Bought 400 pounds of pork for $16.00.

Friday—15th
Cut up, and salted my pork.

Saturday—16th
Went turkey hunting, but was unsuccessful. Warm weather for this season.

Thursday—21st
Sat up with Arthur Payne, who is very ill.

Friday—22nd
Went to the ginning machine with my cotton. Quantity carried in the seed, 104 pounds after deducting ⅛ for toll. I shall get about ¼ clean cotton.

Sunday—24h
Christmas Evening. Very cold. It froze quite hard last night.

Monday—25th, 1826
Christmas Day. Beautiful Day. At home.

Wednesday—27th
This day I proved my account against the school commissioners before Capt. Pickett.

Thursday—28th
Mr. Payne, having engaged an overseer for the next year, and, inasmuch as I can get a better school by moving down on Dagges Branch, where my subscribers promised to build me a house, I have consented to give up my present school house. Took out all my writing benches, and seats and took them home.

Saturday—30th
Sent a letter to the Post Office, directed to Mr. Wm. Winters, Alabama, dated 25th instant.

January — 1827
Monday—1st
Extremely cold, and blustery. At home all day. It is as much as one can do these days to keep warm.

Tuesday—2nd
Mr. Payne commenced hauling ice this day.

Wednesday—3rd
Saw James Hinson today, and settled up my account he owed me. According to my statement it was $2.60.

Thursday—4th
At the request of Daniel Payne, I this day presented a copy of his account against James Hinson, the balance of which said Payne had brought against Mr. Hinson a warrant, and inasmuch as said Payne had made an error in one of the items of the account to-wit: In the hire of the negro Daniel, of two days to Little, I endeavoroed to bring about a settlement between the parties. Hinson consented to the proposal of Payne which was for Hinson to give said Payne his due bill for the balance, which is $3.81, and pay the costs of the warrant. This Hinson agreed to do. Went up to Mr. Bastable's.

Friday—5th
Went to the cotton gin, and got the remainder of my cotton left a week ago. My crop from the garden this year is 30 pounds.

Sunday—7th
Attended meeting at Mr. Miller's. Rev. Mr. John Oglion preached.

Friday—12th
Mr. Payne delivered me three barrels of corn. I have agreed with him for 10 barrels, and this is part of that quantity.

Saturday—13th
Rode to Capt. Smith's as evidence in trial of D. Payne vs. Mr. Hinson. Cold and blustery.

Monday—15th
Moved my benches and seats on Mr. Major Digg's land, lately occupied by John Lupplim, on which I propose to commence school. Mr. and Mrs. Frankland dined with us. Mr. Frankland and myself have traded—I sold him my clock for a watch, and repaired Mrs. Sewall's gold watch.

Tuesday—16th
Mr. Payne went around and notified my subscribers to meet on Thursday, and put up a school house. Dined at Mr. Hill's.

Wednesday—17th, 1827
30 years old. At my school house on Dagges land.

Thursday—18th
Commenced building school house on Dagges Branch. Mr. Payne's land. The size of the school is 16 by 18 ft. Nearly finished this house we built of small logs.

Monday—22nd
Commenced school.

Wednesday—24th
Very cold.

Friday—26th
Eliza and the children, and myself, went to Mr. Payne's.

Sunday—28th
Stayed at Mr. Payne's until today. The weather cleared up about noon, and we came home.

Monday—29th
Mr. Payne's wagon started for the city of Washington with a load of oats. Richards and Scott accompanied the wagon, with a few beef and sheep for the market. I wrote to Dr. Sewall, by Mr. Richard Payne, requesting him to send those portraits of my father and mother lately placed in his care.

Tuesday—30th
Mr. George Monroe and Mr. Samuel Kemper dined with us.

Wednesday—31st
George Monroe's sons are wiring boards for the new school house, for which service I will pay the sum of $1.50 each.

February — 1827
Sunday—4th
The wagon of Mr. Payne returned from Washington, and I received the portraits of Father and Mother.

Saturday—10th
Went up to warrant trial at Capt. Smith's as evidence for Mr. Payne. Eliza and the children went to Mr. Bastable's at the same time.

Sunday—11th
Came home by sunset.

Wednesday—14th
Valentine's Day.

Thursday—22nd
Washington's Birthday.

Friday—23rd to Tuesday—27
Rainy weather. Went to the shoemaker's and spoke for a pair of coarse shoes, which are to be finished by Monday next. I am to pay, per Wm. Northern, who is owing me, the sum of $2.00.

Wednesday—28th
Ash Wednesday, or beginning of Lent, observed by Roman Catholics, and Episcopalians.

March — 1827
Thursday—1st
Old Bonny, an antiquated and respectable pony, departed this life today.

Sunday—4th
Eliza and self attended meeting at Carter's Run. Dined at Capt. George Pickett's.

Monday—5th to Saturday—10th
Eliza quite ill, but is improving.

Sunday—11th
Went to Warrenton in pursuit of Dr. Diggs. Attended meeting at Methodist Church. Got Dr. Diggs and went home. He bled Eliza, which gave her much relief.

Monday—12th
Doctor visited Eliza and prescribed a dose of oil, which she took.

Tuesday—13th
Began giving Eliza wine, which seemed to give her strength.

Friday—16th
Eliza convalescing. The farmers are plowing the ground for corn.

Tuesday—20th
Eliza not so well today as she has been the past few days. She has had such a pain in her head.

Saturday—24th
Eliza rode out today.

Tuesday—27th
Sent my affidavit, made before Mr. Henry Clarkson, (stating that in consequence of sickness in my family I could not attend the present terms of court now setting) by Daniel Payne, to the Court, in order that I may get a continuance in the suit of Speake vs. Sewall. Mr. Payne has returned from Court, and my case has been set for the 3 day continuance, so it will not be called today.

Wednesday—28th
Mr. Payne attended Court. My cases have not been called today. He is a material witness in three cases.

Friday—30th
Mr. Payne attended Court today. My cases have not yet been called.

April — 1827
Sunday—1st
Attended meeting at Carter's Run.

Monday—2nd
Went to Digg's house, with the intention of recommencing my school, but finding the ground all plowed around it, I concluded I was not welcome to remain there any longer. I returned home. I shall not commence until my house is finished. I am in hopes it will be soon.

Wednesday—4th
Hauling manure in my garden.

April — 1827
Saturday—7th
Eliza and the children rode to Mr. Payne's. I planted potatoes.

Sunday—8th
Eliza came home in the evening.

Tuesday—10th
Fruit trees in full bloom, and without a disaster there will be an abundance of fruit this season.

Thursday—12th
Planted cotton.

Friday—13th
Good Friday. Went early to Mr. Rueben Hill, and had a settlement. Took his note for the balance between us, being $8.00. Planted cucumber, cabbage, and lettuce. Eliza's health is still poorly.

Saturday—14th
Planted Lima beans, and corn. Attended Company Muster at Warrenton.

Sunday—15th
Easter Sunday. Attended meeting at Brick Church, at Warrenton, where I heard Mr. Rev. Tuston.

Friday—20th
At work on the school house. Most of the farmers have nearly finished planting corn.

Sunday—22nd
Richard Payne received a letter from his brother Winter, dated March 27th, Alabama —all well.

Wednesday—25th
Recommenced my school this day.

Friday—27th
Commenced the study of algebra this week.

Saturday—28th
Catherine is sick.

May — 1827
Saturday—5th
Took my gig apart, and put it away in readiness for repairing.

Tuesday—8th
Eliza went to Clifton with her niece, Elizabeth Payne.

Wednesday—9th
Eliza returned from Clifton.

Thursday—10th
Set out cabbage plants.

Sunday—13th
Eliza and myself went to Sulphur Springs. Her health is still very poorly.

Monday—14th
Eliza went to Capt. Pickett's.

Saturday—19th
Put on my outside summer clothes. Eliza and myself went to Sulphur Springs.

Sunday—20th
Attended meeting at Piper's Church. Eliza went to Mr. Bastable's, and remained there. I came on home.

Tuesday—22nd
Eliza returned home from Mr. Bastable's.

Monday—28th
Damp and foggy.

June — 1827
Sunday—17th
Showery most of the day.

Monday—18th
Quite cool for this time of year.

Sunday—24th
Attended meeting at Warrenton, accompanied with Eliza.

Saturday—30th
Went to Warrenton with some pieces of gig to the wagon maker, for him to repair for me. Farmers generally have commenced their harvesting, which is much better than was expected.

July — 1827
Wednesday—4th
Independence day. This day is observed in Warrenton and other places, as usual, by various festivities.

Sunday—8th
Cleared up in the evening. Rode over to Deacon Kemper's in the eve.

Monday—9th
Having concluded to take a ride to the western part of the state, I therefore dismissed my school, and commenced making preparations for the journey.

Tuesday—10th to Saturday—14th
This week has been very hot and dry. I have been repairing my gig.

Monday—16th
I have altered my route, which I intended taking, and shall go to Alabama, with the leader and Divine Providence, about the 1st of September.

Friday—20th
Rode to Payne's school house.

Wednesday—25th
July — 1827
Went to Warrenton. Paid off my debt, or note, given to Mr. Helm, March 28, 1826, assigned to B. Ward. Debt and Constable cost $15.61. Got very wet in returning home in shower.

Thursday—26th
Finished my gig, which is now in perfect running order.

Saturday—28th
Very warm. Making preparations to go to King George County with Mr. and Mrs. Payne, as evidence in a suit against Mr. Winter, brought a long while ago by George Bastable. This is a most unjust claim of Bastable's, as he has said some things to me concerning the suit, this fact, and that. Of my knowing his character, it is thought best that I should go down.

Sunday—29th
Sat off with Mr. and Mrs. Payne for King George County, for the purpose of attending Court in suit of Bastable vs. Winter. We went about 20 miles, and put up.

Monday—30th
Passed on to Mr. Duff Green's, and after

refreshing ourselves with dinner and rest, we proceeded and came to Mr. Morrow's in Stafford County.

Tuesday—31st
Sat off and proceeded on to Maj. Langhorn Dades, in King George County by dinner, a distance of 16 miles. We were received here with all cordial welcome. Maj. Dade is concerned in the suit.

August — 1827. King George County, Md.
Wednesday—1st
At Maj. Dade's. Dined today on crabs and perch, and many nice things. After dinner, sister Payne and self rode over to Union, the residence of her uncle, the late Dr. R. W. Hooe, about 2 miles from Maj. Dade's. After having satisfied our curiosity in looking at things here, we returned.

Thursday—2nd
Went to Court where we met with Mr. Wm. Winter, who is just from Alabama. He came through Fauquier, and left all well at home. He had brought $440.80* to me in a draft, which is very acceptable at this time. The Court merely met, and adjourned till to-morrow.

Friday—3rd
Returned to the Courthouse. The suit was called—King George County Justices vs. Langhorn Dade, security of Dr. Rice Hooe, the guardian of Lucy Moxley, his ward, wife of George Bastables—William Winter of Alabama, formerly of this place, was the executor of Dr. Hooe's estate. During the investigation it appeared, by evidence of Mrs. Elizabeth Payne, that Dr. Hooe had fairly and honestly paid Bastable every farthing due his wife, Lucy Moxley—the evidence being so clean that the opposite attorney, to save the character of the client, gave up the suit. So much old Bastable got for his obstinancy. After dinner that day, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, and self came on as far as Mrs. Morrow's, a distance of 14 miles.

Saturday—4th
We took our leave here, being politely received, and came on to Falmouth. Here I parted, and came home. Mr. and Mrs. Payne went to Fredericksburg. They went there for a visit. Arrived at Capt. Payne's nearly overcome with the heat.

Sunday—5th
Proceeded on, and came home by 3 o'clock.

August — 1827
Thursday—9th
This day, six years ago, we were married in Washington City.

Friday—10th
Mr. and Mrs. Payne arrived home from below, at sunset. They have brought up their daughter Elizabeth to spend the vacation.

Tuesday—14th
Dined at Mr. Payne's, in company with the Clifton family.

Friday—17th
Mr. Winter from below, and Mr. Payne went down to Broad Run with my gig to attend the Baptist Association. I went to Warrenton and paid off sundry persons to whom I owed money.

Monday—20th
We are all at Mr. Payne's. Mr. Winters sat off for Alabama about 11 a. m., and I accompanied him as far as the Burnt Mills, about 16 miles, where he took his leave of me. On account of the roads I put up at Mr. Richard's.

Tuesday—21st
Arrived home.

Saturday—25th
Rode to Jefferson, where I purchased a two horse wagon for $80.00 cash.

Tuesday—28th
Attended Court. Mr. Scott, my council, has made arrangements for the trial of my suits tomorrow.

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*I think this is money loaned Wm. Winter by Mrs. Sewall, belonging at that time to the Adams Estate.

Wednesday—29th

Went to Court and carried Mr. Payne. The suits Speake vs. Sewall were tried and Judgement was obtained against me for the sum of $80.00 on the note of $110.00, bearing interest, dated May 16th, 1822. This is to be interest on $80.00 from Oct. 21st, 1829, and some costs. I recovered my costs in the note of $36.00, it appearing evident the same had been paid for my offsets were more than sufficient to meet the same. I am well satisfied with the results for the trial. I paid my council his fee of last December, $20.00. The wagon that I purchased has been brought home, and I paid for it $80.00.

September — 1827. Fauquier County, Va.

Saturday—1st

Douglas Moxley called on me to prevail on me to ride to Prince Williams County to prove Mr. Douglas's will, which I witnessed in 1822.

Sunday—2nd

Douglas and myself sat off for Prince Williams County*, and came to Mrs. Moxley's to dinner. The meeting was almost over when we arrived. Mr. James Ewill, being at Mrs. Moxley's, invited me to go home with him for the night. Miss Moxley accompanied us.

Monday—3rd

Mr. Ewill and lady with Miss Moxley and myself went to Court, and proved the will for Benj. Douglas as requested. After dinner we returned to Mr. Ewill's. After tea Miss Moxley and myself went to Mrs. Moxley's.

Tuesday—4th

After breakfast took my leave of Mrs. Moxley and came on to Warrenton, where I found Mr. Payne, and others convened at Bradford's Tavern for the purpose of taking disposition to read as evidence in Chancery Payne et al vs. Alexander et al. The whole of this day has been occupied. Justices adjourned until tomorrow. Returned home and found all well.

Wednesday—5th

Met at Bradford's Tavern to take disposition, according to adjournment. My disposition was finished by one o'clock. Returned home.

Saturday—8th

Went to Prince William County Courthouse (Manassas). Returned as far as Mr. Ewill's.

Sunday—9th

Mr. Ewill's family and myself came up to Greenwich to a meeting. I went to Mrs. Moxley's after preaching.

Monday—10th

Rev. Mr. Knox and myself came to Warrenton after having dined at Mr. Johnson's. I returned home by dark.

October — 1827

Saturday—13th

Nearly ready to go to the Western part of the State to Harrison County with my family, and moveables. An expensive and troublesome undertaking.

Monday—15th

Rode to the Courthouse. From there to Mr. Charles Kemper's, where I put up for the night.

Tuesday—16th

Having seen and conversed with Mr. McCoy, relative to the Western part of the State, I have concluded to go to Kingwood, Preston County, on Cheat River, about 100 miles from here. If I should like this part of the country, I shall settle here, and probably will purchase land for grazing purposes. Came home by 11 A. M.

Thursday—18th

Eliza had a fall off the horse. Quite sore.

Tuesday—23rd

Packing trunks. Went to Warrenton and loaded wagon, and came on as far as Mr. Payne's for the night.

October — 1827

Wednesday—24th

Beautiful morning. Started with my family and wagon, acompanied by Mr. Sudduth. Mr. Payne sent his overseer, with horse, to pull us out of the neighborhood. Stopped at Glascock's and found my load too much for two horses, and unless I get another horse, I cannot go on. Wrote back to Mr. Payne, stating my condition.

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*This is the site of the Battle of Bull Run.

Thursday—25th: October, 1827
Mr. Payne sent me a horse, without charge. Sat off for Salem where we arrived aout dark. Horses performed well. Wrote to Mr. Payne, by his negro man, Bob, from Salem. Distance, 19 miles.

Friday—26th
Proceeded on over the Blue Ridge and ferried the Shenandoah, and came to Winchester by dark. Distance travelled, 19 miles.

Saturday—27th
Left Winchester and came to Gen. Lockheart's Tavern. Eliza not well, distance travelled, 13 miles. Good weather.

Sunday—28th
Eliza better. Came on about 6 miles and stopped. I went to hear preaching about 2 miles from there. Afterwards came on to Col. Parks and put up. This is at the foot of Sandy Ridge. Travelled 10 miles.

Monday—29th
Came on 13 miles and Eliza took violently sick with the toothache, so we put up at Widow Powell's.

Tuesday—30th
Sylvester Monroe, son of George Monroe, of Fauquier County, came to see us as we were starting. He lives about two miles from this. Proceeded on and came to Parker's, passing through Romeny and crossed the South branch of the Potomac. Distance travelled, 15 miles.

Wednesday—31st
Passed on through Paddy Town and halted at Dorsons, 3 miles short of Western Port in Maryland. Distance travelled, 12 miles. Rough and mountainous country most of our way today.

November — 1827
On way to Western part of State of Virginia.

Thursday—1st
Started very early, and proceeded on entering the Alleghany Mountains, passing on the very verge of a tremendous precipice, and up steep and long hills and mountains, particularly so after passing Westernport. Came to Robinson in the Green Glades, Alleghany County. Distance travelled, 18 miles.

Friday—2nd
Proceeded today, and came to Arnold, in Preston County, Va. Met with venison today, which is a rarity to us. Distance traveled, 15 miles.

Saturday—3rd
Sat off about 9 o'clock and came to Kingwood by night, passing down Cheat mountain, which is 4 miles descent, and over Cheat River, which has a very rocky and disagreeable ford. Distance today, 12 miles.

Sunday—4th
At Kingswood. Very rainy. There is a Sabbath school kept here in which I passed considerable time. Not finding much of an opening at this place for my business, I left my family and came on to Col. Fairfax with his son, Buckner. This acquaintance has been made by an introductory letter from Mr. McCoy of Fauquier County. Here I arrived about dark.

Monday—5th
Col. Fairfax has made mention of a vacancy near Rock Forge. I hastened on having the necessary introductory letters. Stopped at Mr. James Beale's, in Monongah County.

Tuesday—6th
Mr. Beale kindly went around with me through the neighborhood of Rock Forge and had no difficulty making up a good school. Mr. Beale's son went down to Kingwood with my horse, and a letter to my family directing them to come up. I have rented a house and lot of Mr. Beale.

Wednesday—7th
Not knowing what arrangements my family are making to get up this rainy season, I sat off, on foot, with the expectation of meeting them on the road. Got on the road

to Mr. Caleb Beale's about sunset. About one hour after I had been here my family arrived safe from Kingwood.

Friday—8th
Sat off, and came to the house I rented, by night. Eliza and the white family spent the night with Mr. Beale.

Saturday—10th
At Mr. Beale's. Opening trunks and packages, and find things have come through in safety, but it will be some days before we will get settled to house keeping again.

Sunday—11th
Walked to Morgantown, 2½ miles onward. This is pleasantly situated place. There was no preaching, but the Methodists held a class meeting. They have a very neat place for public worship. So have the Presbyterians.

Monday—12th
Commenced my school.

Saturday—17th
Fine weather again. Mr. Sudduth and myself busily engaged in getting up wood.

Sunday—18th
Mr. Beale took dinner with us, and afterward they prevailed upon us to go to their house and eat supper, and spend the remainder of the evening. This family have been very kind to us.

Saturday—24th
Went to Morgantown. Left my silver watch to be repaired, for which I am to pay 50c, and he will insure it to run 12 months.

December — 1827

Saturday—1st
Eliza and family went up to Mr. Beale's.

Sunday—2nd
I went to Morgantown to the Methodist Church. Beautiful day. Roads are very muddy.

Tuesday—4th
My school increases a little every week.

Saturday—8th
The runs are much swollen from the rain, and some are past fording. Made several alterations in the writing benches at the academy.

Sunday—9th
Remained at home. Mr. Beales and family spent the day with us.

Thursday—13th
William Sudduth, who came out from Fauquier with us, left today, and has gone to the Jackson Iron works, where he has found employment.

Friday—21st
Went to my school house with the intention of teaching as usual, but found the door fastened against me. The scholars required a holiday, according to custom. I walked away and left them to have the house to themselves. Went to Mr. Wilson's, who has agreed to furnish me with 400 pounds of pork on account, to be settled in the way of tuition on account of the hands who are to give me credit on his books at the end of the quarter. Helped Mr. Beale kill his hogs and killed my two, also.

Saturday—22nd
The ground is covered with snow. Cut up and salted my pork.

Sunday—23rd
Went to Morgantown, and heard preaching at the Presbyterian Church. Eliza and the children spent the day at Mr. Beale's.

Monday—24th
Exchanged work with Mr. Beale. Got up wood for them and myself.

Tuesday—25th
Christmas Day. Spent part of the day at Mr. Beale's. Mathilda returned home with me.

Saturday—29th
Dark and foggy. Went to Morgantown.

Monday—31st
Mild and clearer weather.

June — 1828 Traveling.

Monday—9th

Warm. Went to Warrenton, where I found a letter directed to sister Betsy from Eliza. All well. From Warrenton I went to Deacon Charles Kemper's and dined, and came to Mr. Payne's, by Mr. James Burditt's.

Wednesday—11th

Cloudy. Making preparations for setting out for home. I started at 10 o'clock A. M., and came as far as Dr. Little's.

Thursday—12th

Up early, and came to Mr. Beale's on Big Cape. Very tired.

Friday—13th

Came to Paddy Town on the North branch of the Potomac. Very hot.

Saturday—14th

Came to the Gibbs in the Green Glades.

Sunday—15th

Returned home by 2 o'clock. Found the family in tolerably health.

Wednesday—18th

Went to Morgantown.

Sunday—22nd

Attended meeting in Morgantown. Rev. Mr. Rust preached at the Presbyterian Church. Rainy.

Tuesday—24th

Sat off for Prunty Town in Harrison County to seek for busniess. Came to Mr. Frederick Burditt's by sunset, where I was kindly received.

Wednesday—25th

At Mr. Burditt's. There is no opening for me at Prunty Town at present.

Thursday—26th

Hearing there might be an opennig at the Pleasant Creek settlement

Saturday—28th

Completed today the business of completing a school. My success has been quite good considering the time of year, and that I am a stranger to most of them.

Sunday—29th

At Mr. Wm. Davison's. The people are generally in quite order, and religiously inclined in this section.

Monday—30th

Sat off for home, accompanied by Reed's son, for the purpose of having a surgical on his foot. We arrived home at 9 o'clock.

July — 1828. Morgantown.

Tuesday—1st

Went to Morgantown with Mr. Reed's son, and called on Dr. McLane, who thinks a surgical operation will not be necessary at this time on his foot. I received a letter from Mr. Winter, dated Tuscumbia, Ala., June 2, 1828. He enclosed a draft for $500.00.

Wednesday—2nd

Mr. Reed's son sat off for home today.

Thursday—3rd

Cool. Spent the evening at Mr. Beale's, with Eliza accompanying me.

Friday—4th

Independence Day. Went to Morgantown today, and carried Henry with me. Enclosed in a letter this day, and forwarded per mail a ten dollar note to the Editor of Religious Intelligence, Nathan Whiting, New Haven, Conn. When received will be in full for the amount of my subscription to May, 1829.

Sunday—13th to Sunday—20th

Very rainy season.

Monday—21st

Went to the furnace and got some castings.

Wednesday—23rd

Sat off very early to Pleasant Creek Settlement, Harrison County, and came to Prunty Town, where I put up for the night.

Thursday—24th

Proceeded on to Francis Reed's by 10 o'clock.

Friday—25th

Went to Mr. Davidson's.

Saturday—26th
At Mr. Wm. Davidson's. Attended meeting at the Methodist Church in Pleasant Creek Settlement. Went to Reuben Davidson's, and from there I went to Mr. West's where I partly engaged a cow for $7.00. Returned to Francis Reed's.

Monday—28th
Mr. Reed, having furnished two horses and a driver for the purpose of moving, we set off for Rock Forge, where we arrived by 10 o'clock night.

Tuesday—29th
Commenced packing trunks, etc. Hitched my horses and went up to Morgantown and back. My horses pulled well. Loaded my wagon.

Wednesday—30th
Having settled up fairly with every person, sat off about two hours by sun with my family and moveables, and came to Gundy's, and put up. Distance travelled, 13 miles.

Thursday—31st
Up early and moved on and came to Prunty Town, and put up with Mr. Frederick Burditt. Distance travelled, 15 miles. Expense incurred, $.43.

August — 1828. At Pleasant Creek Settlement.
Friday—1st
We moved on and came to Pleasant Creek Settlement and halted at M. Francis Reed's, where we will be for the present, or until we can do better. Distance travelled, 8 miles. Expense incurred, 42c.

Monday—4th
Making preparation for commencing school.

Tuesday—5th
Commenced school.

Thursday—7th
The farmers are in the midst of haying.

Saturday—9th
Went to Prunty Town and purchased a spinning wheel.

Sunday—10th
Attended meeting at the Methodist Meeting House. Rained part of the day.

Sunday—17th
Attended Methodist Society Meeting. By my influence and exertions, I have been able to commence a Sabbath School this day with flattering prospects.

Monday 18th to Friday—22nd
I am proceeding on very smoothly with my school. About 23 scholars have commenced.

Saturday—23rd
Went to Prunty Town and made arrangements with Mr. Kimball to post books for him for $1.00 a day to be taken out in leather.

Sunday—24th
Attended to the Sabbath School. Our number has greatly increased. May the Lord add to it more, and smile on our exertions.

Monday—25th to Friday—29th
This has been a very dry week. It would seem that the drought had set in.

September — 1828
Saturday—6th
Went to Prunty Town and posted books for Mr. Kimball.

Saturday—13th
Went to the Methodist camp meeting near Clarksburg, accompanied by Mr. William Davidson. Arrived on the ground at 12 o'clock noon. Hearing preaching, we went out about 4 miles to his sister, Mrs. Wilson, who lives in considerable style. I was politely entertained.

Sunday—14th
After breakfast returned to the encampment. After dinner I sat out for home, a distance of 16 miles. Arrived about dusk. The congregation at the meeting was very respectful and genteel, more than I have seen around Morgantown.

Monday—15th to Friday—19th
Attended school. Very rainy.

Saturday—20th
September — 1828
Posted books for Mr. Kimball.

Tuesday—23rd
Eliza went to Mr. Proudfoot's.

Thursday—25th
Dismissed the school until Wednesday next, in order to repair my dwelling house.

Friday—26th
At work on my house, which **Mr. Davidson** is fitting up for us.

Monday—29th
At work on house.

October — 1828. Pleasant Creek.
Saturday—4th
Went to a camp meeting held in the swamps, Monongalia County.

Sunday—5th
Very rainy and cold at the camp meeting. The preaching was at night.

Monday—6th
Dr. McLane preached a great discourse. I returned home.

Wednesday—8th
I wrote to Dr. A. E. Smith by mail. Beautiful weather.

Saturday—11th
Went to the swamps and got my man. (Slave).

Monday—13th
Considerable white frost.

October — 1828
Saturday—18th
Worked on my house.

Sunday—19th
Eliza and myself attended meeting at the Baptist Church, on Simpson's Creek, where we heard Rev. Mr. Goss.

Saturday—25th
Went to Prunty Town. Some rain today.*

Monday 27th to Friday—31st
Very warm for this season.

November — 1828
Saturday—1st
Settling ourselves by putting everything in order for the season.

Sunday—2nd
Remained home all day. Pleasant weather for this season.

April—1829—Prunty Town.
Wednesday—22nd.
Busy in moving.

Friday—24th
Daubing house and settling ourselves. Commenced snowing this day.

Saturday—25th
Quite a winter scene, so much snow on the ground.

Monday—27th
Repairing kitchen, etc.

Tuesday—28th
Manuring the garden.

May — 1829
Friday—1st
The trees are just beginning to get leaves, and the farmers are very backward with their work.

Monday—4th
Commenced my school at Prunty Town.

Thursday—7th
I have quite a respectable school as to number.

Saturday—9th
Sowed English peas, parsnips, beets, carrots and beans.

Tuesday—12th
Cold. There was a frost this morning.

Friday—15th
Warmer. The farmers have nearly finished planting corn.

Saturday—16th
Very showery. Repairing fences around the pasture.

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*Now West Virginia, 10 miles west of Grafton.

May — 1829
Saturday—23rd
Went over to Pleasant Creek, and got my sheep, having sheared them, and got them as far as old Mr. Bartell's.

Sunday—24th
Dry and sultry.

Friday—29th
Warm and dry. This is the year the Locusts come out of the earth. They have been out 10 to 15 days. 1826 they made their appearance in Fauquier County. This is similar to the frogs in the Spring of the years.

Saturday—30th
Wrote letters to father, John G. Chapman, of Port Tobacco, and Dr. Sewall of Washington City. I enclosed to Dr. Sewall a medical magazine that I had last fall.

June—1829
Very hot and dry.

Tuesday—2nd to Friday—5th
Good showers.

Sunday—7th
The locusts are very numerous and they sing constantly.

Friday—12th
The locusts are lessening, very much.

Saturday—13th
Rode to Squire Fleming's.

Sunday—14th
Attended meeting at the Baptist Church in Prunty Town.

Wednesday—17th
Eliza rode to Mrs. Bartlett's.

June — 1829
Friday—19th
Cool. Unwell. Received a letter from Mr. R. Simms, dated May 5, 1829, Jacksonville, Illinois, giving us a favorable account of that section of our country, and advising us to move out. Took calomel.*

Saturday—20th
Cool and rainy. Wrote a letter to Mr. F. E. Dunnington.

Monday—22nd to Thursday—25th
Cool and clear.

Friday—26th
The locusts have all disappeared.

Saturday—27th
Sawed out a window in the house.

Sunday—28th
Showery part of the night. Cold for this season.

July — 1829
Saturday—4th
The anniversary of the Independence of America.

Monday—6th to Saturday—11th
Rainy and cold.

Sunday—12th
Attended meeting at the Baptist Church, Prunty Town.

Monday—13th to Wednesday—15th
Warm and dry.

Thursday—16th
Wrote Nathan Whiting, Esq., New Haven, Conn. Enclosed the sum of $5.00 designed as follows:

Subscription of Vol. 14, in advance	$2.00
For Bible Society to be paid over for the purpose of sending the Bible to every family of the U. S.	$2.50
Postage	.50
	$5.00

Tuesday—20th
Hot and sultry.

Wednesday—22nd
Received a letter from Francis Dunnington, informing me he had $390.00 in hand for me, subject to my order, being on account of moneys received of Perry's Note. Wrote by return mail to Mr. Daniel Payne, Fauquier County, Virginia, enclosing an order on Mr. Dunnington for the amount of

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*This is the letter that brought him to Illinois. I. R. Simms married Mrs. Sewall's sister, Harriet Middleton.

the above sum, requesting Mr. Payne to send Richard or someone over after the money, and when received retain the same until further orders from me.

Saturday—25th
Eliza poorly. Sent for some of the neighbors.

Monday—27th
Attended school. Eliza some better. A FALSE ALARM.

Thursday—30th
Hard rain through the night. Eliza was sick about midnight. She was delivered of a fine daughter between eight and nine o'clock*

Friday—31st
Attended school. Eliza quite comfortable. This day ends the first quarter of my school.

August — 1829
Saturday—1st
Kept school to make up for lost time Thursday.

Wednesday—5th to Friday 7th
The Methodists are at this time encamped near Clarksburg.

Tuesday—11th
Not well today.

Thursday—13th
Very unwell. Dismissed my school until Monday.

Friday—14th
Confined to the house, and took medicines.

Wednesday—19th
Received a note from Richard Payne, who has been over to Maryland, and received for me $450.00 from Mr. F. E. Dunnington. He incurred $20.00 expense in traveling to and from.

Saturday—22nd
Wrote to F. E. Dunnington and enclosed the Richard Semme's note.

Saturday—29th
Kept school to make up for lost time.

Sunday—30th
Attended Sabbath School, and was assisted by Mr. Preston. Eliza rode out with our little daughter we call Elizabeth.

September—1829
Tuesday—1st to Saturday—5th
Warm and dry weather.

Sunday—6th
Attended meeting at Prunty Town. Eliza and I dined at Mr. Wm. Dunnington, Esq. Rainy.

Monday—7th
Mr. Wm. Dunnington sat off for Baltimore. I sent a memo by him for some goods for my family, accompanied by a $50.00 note to meet the amount of same. Also drew an order on Mr. Daniel Payne in Fauquier County for $419.00, (being the balance in his hands after paying amount of my account to Mr. Wesley Coules, at Warrenton) which sum of money he is to pay me on his return home.

On Way to Illinois.
1½ Months of Dairy Gone

Editor's Note: The portion of the Diary from September 7, 1829 to November 22, 1829 has been lost or destroyed some time during the past one hundred years. From all information we are able to collect Sewall came to Parkersburg, West Virginia from Prunty Town. From there he travelled along the Ohio River to Marietta, Ohio where he crossed. After crossing the Ohio he followed the Muskingum River Valley to McConnelsville, then to Zanesville, and continued West to New Castle, Indiana. From New Castle he travelled Northwest towards Anderson, Indiana until he came to the Fall Creek Valley, and then Indianapolis. The Editor of this Diary followed this trail in September 1929, using this Diary and what other information he could get as a guide, travelling this trail from Warrenton, Virginia to Indianapolis. He has every reason to believe, from what he knows about the history of the highway, that the above route is the route Sewall followed.

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*Susan Elizabeth, later became Mrs. Wm. Barnes of 114 W. State St., Jacksonville, Ill.

November — 1829
State line between Ohio and Indiana.

Sunday—22nd
We must remain here until we can go forward, that is, when the weather will permit. Bought 400 lbs. of hay.

Tuesday—24th
Very cold night. Paid off George Carder for one month services.

Wednesday—25th
George Carder left for Cincinnati.

Saturday—28th
Soft and mild weather.

Monday—30th
Hitched up and took a Mr. White and wife, with a little baggage. He is to drive my team, and I am going to pay all expenses between this and the Sangamon. Squalls of snow and rain. Sat forward and travelled 7 miles, and put up at New Castle. (Indiana).

December — 1829
Tuesday — 1st
Up early and went over a very bad road, travelling 13 miles, and stopped at a Mr. Harris's. Pleasant and good weather.

Wednesday—2nd
Rained some considerable the past night. Up early and went forward. From information given by Mr. Harris, I have concluded to alter my course, and go to Indianapolis, being informed that I can, and that I had shared most of the bad roads. I have been making headway for the wilderness supposing I could get through to the Wabash higher up, and would have a better road. Reports are unfavorable to my getting there. I, therefore, abandoned the idea, and shall endeavor to get into the direct route. Travelled 12 miles.

Thursday—3rd
Good weather. Proceeded on, passing down and over Fall Creek. The falls of this creek are quite a noted place. The water falls over a ledge of rock a distance of 9 feet perpendicularly. One of the greatest places I ever saw for scenery. We put up at a Mr. Murray's. Distance travelled, 15 miles.

Friday—4th
Very rainy and cold. Up early and proceeded forward, passing down Fall Creek. This has been a very disagreeable day. Distance travelled, 16 miles.

December — 1829
Saturday—5th
Rained most of the night. Proceeded on, passing through Indianapolis (which is a growing, but expensive place) and ferried White River, and came to a branch of Eagle Creek, which was swelled, and this halted us. Put up here. Travelled 8 mile. Warm.

Sunday—6th
Laid by in consequence of high water.

Monday—7th
Walked to Indianapolis. The State Legislature convened this day.

Tuesday—8th
Some snow fell last night, and rain. It begins to be some colder. The creeks have raised again and we begin to be water bound.

Wednesday—9th
Clear weather and the ground is frozen a little. Walked 3 or 4 miles ahead to examine the state of the waters. They are yet too full.

December — 1829
Thursday—10th
The waters are abating rapidly.

Friday—11th
Colored slave Nellie, with her children, absconded. Walked to Indianapolis, and found the laws in favor of her obtaining her freedom. Consequently I must lose her and the children. So much for busybodies. She never would have taken this course is some person or persons had not put such an idea in her head. She exhibited much violence and impertinence to us both.

Saturday—12th
Very great rain the last night. The creeks are higher than they have been since we have been water bound.

Sunday—13th
Clear, and the runs are falling fast. I have been compelled to give up the negroes. Gave many to the overseers of the poor of Wayne Township. Thus I have been deprived of part of my family by mischief-making people. Hitched up and proceeded a distance of 3 miles.

Monday—14th
Good weather. Went on, and with the assistance I got across Big Eagle Creek by unloading my wagon, and swimming my horses. This I could not have done a week ago, and which would have prevented my disturbance and losses. Travelled 3½ miles.

December — 1829
Tuesday—15th
Commenced snowing by morning. Proceeded forward, and came to a tavern on the Crawfordsville road, 17 miles west of Indianapolis, where we were compelled to put up.

Wednesday—16th
Cold weather.

Thursday—17th
Rode to Danville (Indiana) and made contract for corn and pork to furnish me until Spring.

Friday—18th
Went to Danville with wagon and team.

Saturday—19th
Sat off with my load for Mr. Abram Spickemine's, where my family is lodged. Danville is 10 miles from the place where I am stopped.

Monday—21st
Went to Indianapolis to get counsel concerning my slave property, which has been taken from me.

Tuesday—22nd
I am directed by able council to take my property where I can find it. Proceeded according to instructions and found and took all but one, and took them to Indianapolis for safe keeping. Good weather.

Wednesday—23rd
Returned to family in order to make arrangements to go with my slave property to the State of Kentucky. Some rain today.

Thursday—24th
Returned to Indianapolis with horses, with the intention of taking the slaves to Kentucky, but found that my enemies had gotten a little ahead of me, and in my absence got out a writ of habeas corpus to bring the property before the Judge of the State Court to show cause, if any, why I should hold this property. Met with the Court at 6 P. M., and by my counsel made the best defense I could, but find the Judge carried away by prejudice. Court adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow. The property is placed in the house of the Sheriff for safe keeping.

December — 1829
Friday—25th
Christmas. Warm and wet.

Saturday—26th
Judge Morris, notwithstanding all the laws, pronounced all my slaves free. William Logan sued me and my friends, and caused me to give bail.

Sunday—27th
Sat off immediately for Salem to see Judge Parks to get a warrant to obtain my slaves and to bring them before him. Bad riding.

Tuesday—29th
Arrived at Salem in evening, and saw Judge Parks, who gave me a warrant to retake slaves.

Wednesday—30th
Sat off for Indianapolis about 12, and came to Brown's by dark. Saw the man and gave him the warrant, to whom it is directed, and who will accompany me in the morning.

Thursday—31st
Continued forward with the Marshall, and after travelling all day we put up, after having travelled 30 or more miles. Moderate weather.

January—1830. Indianapolis.
Friday—1st
Came on to Indianapolis, and put up late at night at Buckhamer's. No discoveries made of my slaves.

Saturday—2nd
Information being given concerning my slaves, the Marshall went in pursuit, and found Jane, Mary, and Susan, and took them in custody to have them in before Judge Parks in Salem. (U. S. Dist. Court).

Sunday—3rd
Went with the Marshall in pursuit of negroes. Were unsuccessful.

Monday—4th
Out in pursuit of negro woman, but did not get on her track until very late this evening.

Tuesday—5th
Have been out all night. Have succeeded in taking Nellie and child by paying $60.00, 15 miles South from town. Returned to Indianapolis.

Thursday—7th
Went to my family, and found all well.

Tuesday—19th
Overtook Mr. Simms at Jeffersonville on the Ohio, a little way from Louisville, Kentucky. We both proceeded on to Louisville, where I hope to make a profitable sale of my property.

Wednesday—20th
Market dull for slaves at Louisville.

Thursday—21st
Succeeded in disposing of Mary, my small girl, for $125.00, which is very low. Came on to Portland and put up. Cold.

Friday—22nd
Crossed the Ohio River and stopped ten miles from New Albany, Indiana.

Saturday—23rd
Sat off after breakfast. Bill, $2.25. Very cold. Had not proceeded very far when a shaft broke.* Expense of repair 93c. Passed over a distance of 10 miles. Expense $3.10.

Sunday—24th
Appearances of falling weather, and put up at Widow Chanlin's, a distance of 24 miles. Expense $1.75.

Monday—25th
Came on to Capt. Kelley's, a distance of 24 miles. Expense, $2.00.

Tuesday—26th
Broke the carryall, and had it repaired at Vincennes. Dry and cold.

Thursday—28th
Cloudy and cold. Crossed the Wabash, and came on to Mr. Christie's in Illinois, passing mostly over prairie country. Distance 19 miles. Expense $7.25.

Friday—29th
Cloudy and cold. Passed on, and came to Mr. Evans. Roads very rough, but firm and dry. Travelled north over prairies today. Distance 18 miles. Expense $2.25.

Saturday—30th
Bill $2.25. Tolls 25c. Passed on through large prairies. Largest of which was 10 miles over. It was a very cold night past. Travelled 27 miles. Put up at Wisenhammer's.

February — 1830. Travelling.
Monday—1st
Mostly clear. About 4 or 5 inches of snow fell last night. Bill $2.00. Ferriage .37½** Crossed the Grand Prairie and put up at Carlyle. Distance 24 miles.***

Tuesday—2nd
Bill $2.50. Came on to Rev. Pecks, 30 miles distance. Good roads. Passing over a good and rich, also fertile country interrupted with rolling prairie and good timber.

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*Single horse and buggy.
**Okaw River.
***This is the old Vincennes and St. Louis trail.

Wednesday—3rd: February, 1830

Bill $2.25. Proceeded on in sight of St. Louis, Missouri by noon. A most beautiful day, and good roads. Passed through the American bottom where it is supposed to be the richest soil in the U. S. with 20 or 30 feet of soil. Crossed over to St. Louis.

Thursday—4th

Upon inquiry I find the market for negroes to be very dull. I have concluded to wait until spring. I left Nellie and her two children in the care of McGill and Ingram, Merchants, St. Louis, authorizing them to make a sale of her when the opportunity presents itself. Recrossed the river and put up at a house on the river. I have brought Jane and have concluded to keep her in my family.

Friday—5th

Sat off for Jacksonville after breakfast. Very cold weather. Bill 75c.

Saturday—6th

Travelled 16 miles. Not quite so cold today. Expense $1.75. Passed through Carrollton, Illinois.

Sunday—7th

Went forward. Bill $1.37½. Arrived at Mr. Simm's by 4 P. M. where I found Eliza and the children rejoicing once more to see each other

Monday—8th

Walked around the farm at Diamond Grove, which is one of the most beautiful places I have yet seen. The thriving village of Jacksonville, Ill., is in full view. Although I have had quite a lot of difficulty and expense in moving, yet I shall never regret the move.

Tuesday—9th

Cold and dry weather.

Wednesday—10th: February, 1830

Went to Jacksonville with Mr. Simms.

Saturday—13th

Rode to Jacksonville, and got my horse shod.

Sunday—14th

Valentine's Day. Attended meeting in Jacksonville.

Monday—15th

Mr. Simms and myself, accompanied by sister Harriet and Eliza, rode around Diamond Grove.

Tuesday—16th

Sat off for Indianapolis on horse back. Came to Springfield. Good roads and weather. Distance travelled, 35 miles. Expense $1.00.

Wednesday—17th

Travelled 33 miles. Expense 50c.

Thursday—18th

Sat off in good season, and passed over part of Grand Prairie. Stopped at Shaws, one mile east of Big Okaw. Distance, 40 miles. Expense 50c.

Friday—19th

Went forward, still passing over the Grand Prairie. Crossed the Embarass and came to Paris. Distance 35 miles. Expense $1.00.

Saturday—20th

Came to Terre Haute. Distance 20 miles. Expense 12½.

Sunday—21st

Remained at Terre Haute and went to the Methodist Church.

Monday—22nd: February, 1830

Sat off for Indianapolis, accompanied by a Mr. Wolf, a gentleman and Attorney-at-Law, lately from Virginia, with whom I have found an acquaintance, and who is feeling for my situation. He is anxious I should come out all right. Bill $1.25.

Tuesday—23rd

Went forward, but unfortunately got out of our way and had to go back, and then came to 3 miles east of Greencastle. Distance 23 miles. Expense $1.00.

Wednesday—24th

Progressed forward 30 miles. Very warm and uncomfortable. Expense $1.00.

Thursday—25th
Rode into Indianapolis. Distance 10 miles. Found from inquiring that the Court will not commence until the 4th Monday in March. This alteration was made by the Legislature since I left here. I shall remain in this vicinity until that time.*

Friday—26th
Mr. Wolf and myself came out of Indianapolis as far as Widow Whitlock's. Distance 16 miles. Expense $1.00.

Saturday—27th
Good weather. Sat forward and came to Mr. Matlock's. Distance 31 miles. Expense 75c.

Sunday—28th
Up early, and came to Terre Haute. Greatly fatigued.

March—1830. Vicinity of Indianapolis.
Monday—1st
Employed Mr. James Wolf to go to Indianapolis and defend my suit in favor of Logan. With him I left $25.00, per his receipt, and also gave him an order for my carryall and harness, and two blind bridles which were left in the possession of Mr. Angles, who offered as my bail in said suit. Also gave an order on Lingufalter for amount of sales of horse and my harness bridle if I succeeded in getting off with cost or if my bail does not suffer. Then Mr. Wolf, with the carryall will convey it to Terre Haute, or Paris, and consent to my order, and also the proceeds of the sale of the horse and the value of the harness is to be paid to me. Sat off and came to Paris that night. Distance, 20 miles. Expense 75c. Ferriage 25c.** Much fatigued.

Tuesday—2nd
Went forward and came to Mrs. Shaws, and put up on the Big Okaw. Distance, 35 miles. Expense 56¼ cents. The Grand Prairie has been very wet and bad travelling.

Wednesday—3rd
Sat off and came to Widow Ward's. Distance 35 miles. Expense 37½ cents.

Thursday—4th
Rode to Wilson's to breakfast, and thence to Springfield, a distance of 37 miles. Expense $1.25. Warm, and good travelling.

Friday—5th
Came to Mr. Simms by 4 o'clock P. M. Found the family well.

Saturday—6th
Made an agreement with the Trustees of the School of Jacksonville to take the school at $25.00 per month.

Monday—8th
Commenced school in the Town of Jacksonville.

Thursday—11th
Bought a house and lot of Mr. Simms in Jacksonville for $271.37½. Paid $100.00 down, and the rest to be paid June 1, 1830.

Saturday—13th: March, 1830
Rode to Jacksonville on business.

Sunday—14th
Attended meeting at the School house in Jacksonville. Warm.

Thursday—18th
Moved into my house. Kept school.

Saturday—20th
Kept ½ day.

Sunday—21st
Heard Rev. Mr. Ellis preach.

Wednesday—24th
Loaned Mr. Simms $30.00.

Saturday—27th
Preparing for gardening.

Sunday—28th
Attended Meeting. Eliza and cousin rode out to Mrs. Simms' and spent the day. Wrote letters to Messrs: McGill and Ingram, and J. H. Farnham, Esq.

Tuesday—30th
Attended Singing Society in the evening.

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*This is the state court.
**Wabash.

April—1820; Jacksonville, Illinois.
Thursday—1st
Sowed my yard with grass.

Saturday—3rd
Attended the meeting at the schoolhouse held by the Presbyterians. Rode out to Major Simms.

Sunday—4th
Wrote to Harris and Allen, Terre Haute, Merchants.

Saturday—10th
Worked in the garden.

Sunday—11th
Attended meeting in the schoolhouse.

Thursday—15th; May, 1830
There has been a good rain.

Sabbath—18th
Attended meeting held at the Courthouse.

Monday—19th
Circuit Court commenced in the Court.

Wednesday 21st to Sunday 25th
Cloudy and blustery.

May—1830... Jacksonville, Illinois.
Saturday—1st
Warm and agreeable weather.

Saturday—15th
Methodist quarterly commenced.

Monday—17th
Very cool for the season. The fireside is quite agreeable.

Sunday—23rd
Eliza, with the children, I carried to Mr. Simms' and spent the day.

Sunday—30th
Clear. Rev. Mr. Watson preached for Mr. Ellis. Attended prayer meeting at Dr. Chandler's.*

June—1830; Wednesday, 2nd
Dr. Miller, who has been sick for some days, and the prospect for his recovery being beyond all hope, was desirous of attaching himself to the Presbyterian Church. After a deliberate and solemn examination by Rev. Mr. Ellis, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered. He was permitted to be, and he was consequently received into the Church, and I hope he has made this profession in good faith and sincerity. It was a solemn sermon—refreshing to my soul.

Saturday—5th
Went out to Major Simms'.

Sunday—6th
Attended meeting at the Church. Rev. Mr. Allen, agent of the American Tract Society, preached in the forenoon, and in the afternoon explained the nature of the American Tract Society, stating some of its happy effects in the community. Names were given to form a society in this place.

Tuesday—8th
Beautiful morning, which was succeeded by cold and disagreeable weather.

Sunday—13th; June, 1830
Attended meeting at the Courthouse. Rev. Mr. Herrick from Connecticut, who came out to this country as a Missionary, preached.

Monday—14th
Dr. Miller died last night about 10 P. M. He has been lingering for some time.

Tuesday—15th
Attended the funeral of Mr. Miller. Rev. Mr. Ellis preached his sermon at 8 A. M., after which he was carried to the cemetery according to the notions of the Masonry.

Sunday—27th
Very warm. Spent the day with Major Simms.

Monday—28th
Wrote letters to Mr. White, Mr. Kemper, and Mr. J. Wolf, Esq.

Wednesday—30th
Attended prayer meeting.

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*Not Dr. Chandler of Cass Co.

July—1830; Saturday, 3rd
The majority of the citizens of Jacksonville and vicinity are celebrating the anniversary of the Independence of America. An oration was delivered by Mr. Jones. Declaration of Indepedence was delivered by Mr. Thomas, after which they partook of a barbecue dinner, prepared for the occasion.

Sunday—4th
Attended meeting at the Courthouse. Rev. Mr. Ellis preached a sermon suitable to the occasion. Subject—Colonization Society.

Monday—5th
Attended monthly concert prayer meeting held at the Courthouse. A good number present.

Saturday—10th
Warm. Went with my family to Camp Meeting held about 8 miles west of this place.

Sunday—11th: July, 1830
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Watson preached.

Saturday—17th
The Presbyterian two-day meeting commenced.

Friday—23rd
Wrote to Mr. J. H. Farnum and H. P. Thornton of Salem, Indiana. They are lawyers there.*

Sunday—25th
Attended meeting at schoolhouse. Rev. Mr. Ellis preached. Prayer Meeting at Dr. Chandler's.

August—1830: Sunday—1st
Attended meeting at the schoolhouse. Had my daughter christened Susan Elizabeth by Rev. Mr. Ellis. Attended Prayer Meeting at Dr. Chandler's*

Monday—2nd
Election of Governor, Lt. Governor, Senator, Representative, Coroner, Sheriff, and County Commissioner. Acted as Clerk to one of the Judges. Was busily engaged until near 12 o'clock night.

Tuesday—3rd
Attended a meeting at the schoolhouse, held by the friends of Sunday School. Steps were taken to forward Sabbath School interest.

Sunday—8th
Attended meeting, after which Eliza and myself rode out to Major Simms'.

Tuesday—10th
Received a letter from McGill and Ingram, Merchants in St. Louis, stating that my negro woman, Nellie, has set up a claim for freedom, and that suit is about to be brought.

Friday—20th: August, 1830
The Methodist camp meeting commenced about one mile east of this. Warm and dry.

Sunday—22nd
Attended meeting at schoolhouse. Attended Prayer Meeting at Judge Sorkville's.

Tuesday—24th
Went to the college in the evening to sing.

Wednesday—25th
Attended the examination at the college.

Saturday—28th
Went to Springfield and got my draft exchanged.* Warm.

Tuesday—31st
A meeting has been held this day, agreeably to a previous notice, for the purpose of forming a State Sunday School Union. A respectable number of people were concerned. A State Union was formed.

September—1830
Lorenzo Dow, a noted preacher, is in town and has preached to a large audience.**

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*This firm represented Sewall in Federal Court in 1829-30.
**Not the Dr. C. C. Chandler of Cass Co.

*This money must have come from Indiana rebate on bond or from Virginia.
**A noted Methodist preacher, born in Connecticut in 1777.

Wednesday—8th
Lorenzo Dow preached to a still larger audience. An exhibition of wild animals are in town. These things have brought together a large concourse of people. Finished the second quarter of my school today. The school is suspended for a few days. A meeting of the School Association has been convened this evening.

Thursday—9th
Settling up my school accounts.

Saturday—11th
Rev. Mr. Peck preached a sermon in full on "Infidelity."

Wednesday—15th
Received a letter from Mr. Ungles urging me to come to Indianapolis to attend my lawsuit there.

Sunday—19th
Sat off for Indianapolis accompanied by Mr. Jones of this place. Arrived in Springfield by 5 P. M. Attended meeting in the E. at schoolhouse and heard Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Monday—20th: Sept., 1830
Proceeded on and came to Wilson's.*

Tuesday—21st
Proceeded on and came to Shaw's on the Okaw.

Wednesday—22nd
Came on to Paris, Ill.

Thursday—23rd
Proceeded on to a brick house in Indiana, distance 40 miles.

Friday—24th
Went on to Mr. Legs', 6 miles beyond Greencastle, Ind.

Saturday—25th
Arrived at Indianapolis by 5 P. M.

Sunday—26th
At Indianapolis.

Monday—27th
Settled my business, and sat off for home.

Tuesday—29th
Came to Greencastle, Ind.

Wednesday—30th
Came to Springler's, 6 miles west of Clinton, on the Wabash. Then came to Paris and stopped.*

October—1830: Friday—1st
Sat off and came to Shaw's on the Okaw.

Saturday—2nd
Came to Wilson's, head of Sangamon.**

Sunday—3rd
Came to Springfield, and heard Rev. Mr. Bergen preach on "The Wind."

Monday—4th
Arrived home, and found all well.

Wednesday—6th
I have been to see some United States land in the Sangamon bottom.

Friday—8th
Went to Springfield and bought, or entered, 3 half quarter sections of land in T. 18, R. 10, Sec. 2***

Saturday—9th
Returned home.

Tuesday—12th: October—1830
Repaired the schoolhouse on my own footing.

Saturday—16th
Rainy and cold.

Sunday—17th
Took Eliza to see my land in Sangamon bottom.

Sunday—24th
Returned home.

Monday—25th
Sat off for St. Louis, Mo.

Wednesday—27th
Arrived in St. Louis by dusk.

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*On South Fork of Sangamon.

*Twenty miles above Terre Haute.

**South Fork.

***This is his home farm, 240 acres all in Valley fine land.

Thursday—28th
Sat off late in the evening for home.

Saturday—30th
Arrived home by dusk. All well.

Sunday—31st
Attended meeting at the school house held by the Cumberland Presbyterians. Four days meeting.

November—1830: Monday—1st
Went on with my school. Received a letter from Mr. Winter enclosing the sum of $600, being in full for the sale of my negroes up to a certain date per his letter filed last May. *

Tuesday—2nd
Received a duplicate of draft

Wednesday—3rd
Attended Prayer Meeting at school house. This day contracted with a man to bring me flat rails and hewed posts, an if they suit me I am to give him $4.00 for the posts, and $3.00 for the rails, per hundred. (Never complied with).

Saturday—6th
Rode out to my land for observation. The more I see it, the better I am pleased with my purchase. Stopped at Mr. Carr's, 4 miles West under the Bluff.** Appearance of rain.

Sunday—7th
Did not reach home until noon. This rain has been very timely in many respects, especially for the benefit of the farmers in stopping the Fisco, which have raged considerably.

Monday—8th to Friday—19th. Nov., 1830.
Cool and rainy.

Saturday—20th
Rode out to Mr. Dayton's.

Sunday—21st
Attended meeting at the school house. Rev. Mr. Baldwin, of Vandalia, preached.

Tuesday—30th
Received a letter from Mr. Thornton giving some encouragement concerning my suits pending in the U. S. Court in Indiana in order to recover damages for the loss of my slaves.

December—1830: Sunday—5th
Cold and wet.

Saturday—11th
At work on the new house. Raw and chilly. Sister Harriet is with us.

Tuesday—14th
Received a letter from my father, Augusta, Maine. All well.

Saturday—18th
Moderate weather again.

Friday—24th
Snowed considerably.

Saturday—25th
Christmas—Pleasant day.

Wednesday—29th
Snowed most of the day. There is now about 2 feet of snow on the ground.

Friday—31st
Cold and disagreeable. Difficulty in passing about in consequence of the deep snow.

January—1831: Monday—3rd
These days have been very cold and stormy.

Friday—7th
There is now about 2½ to 3 feet of snow on the level on the earth.*

Saturday—8th
Wood scarce and high in town.

Sunday—9th
Attended meeting at school house.

Saturday—15th
Cold. Snow storm from North and West. The snow which has fallen today has been much more damp than it has been in the snow of the last few days.

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*These were the negroes taken on foot from the State of Virginia to the State of Alabama.

**Mr. Carr lived near present site of Hickory church in Cass Co., Ill.

*This is the winter of the deep snow.

Sunday—16th
Attended prayer meeting. Rev. Mr. Ellis preached.

Monday—17th
Birthday—34 years old.

Saturday—22nd
This is the coldest day yet experienced. 18 degrees below zero.

Monday—31st
Snow storm. High wind from N. E. About 8 to 10 inches fell.

February, 1831: Thursday—3rd
Clear and gusty wind. Snow drifting and very cold. Thermometer at zero at sunset in town.

Friday—4th
Cold and blustery. This day it is supposed is the coldest yet experienced. The roads are very much blockaded and impassable.

Sunday—6th
Attended meeting at school house. Rev. Mr. Beecher preached. Not feeling well, I did not attend but the meeting in the forenoon.

Monday—7th
Attended the monthly concert.

Friday—11th
Attended singing school. The weather has moderated.

Saturday—12th: February, 1831
Cloudy and cold. The sun eclipsed. Duration 3 hours and some minutes. Visible here part of the time, but at the time of its greatest obscuration, 11 A. M., it became more cloudy, and the sun did not appear the rest of the day, to the great disappointment of all. Eliza rode out to Major Simms' late in the afternoon.

Sunday—13th
Attended Church Prayer Meeting at sunrise at Rev. Mr. Ellis's. Attended new Sabbath School, and took charge of a class by appointment. Heard preaching at my school house. Attended lecture in the singing school room.

Monday—14th
Clear and warm. The snow has thawed considerably.

Tuesday—15th
Cloudy and warm. It continues to thaw. Some rain has fallen today.

Wednesday—16th
Sudden change. Very cold and blustery.

Saturday—19th
Warm and pleasant weather.

Monday—21st to Monday—28th
Wet and disagreeable.

March — 1831
Tuesday—1st to Sunday—6th
Warm and pleasant overhead, but very muddy underfoot.*

Sunday—6th
Snowing. Attended Church and Prayer Meeting, Rev. Mr. Ellis, at Simms'. Sabbath school at half past nine. Church at school house. Rev. Mr. Beecher and Mr. Sturdevant from the college.

Tuesday—8th
Attended singing school which is closed this evening. Singing Society was formed from it.

Friday—11th
Dismissed my school until Monday morning. I rode out to my land.

Saturday—12th: March, 1831
Came to Mr. Richardson's and bargained for 4 more steers and a log cabin for $58.00.

Tuesday—15th
Paid Mr. Richardson for his cattle.

Wednesday—16th
Snowed all day. Bought 4 more steers of Thompson Frakes, paid down $10.00, balance 12 months. Engaged him to work my land, Sangamon bottom for $100.00 a year, and I am to give him 300 pounds of pork and 3 barrels of corn.

Saturday—19th
Went to James Deaton's.

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*Snow all gone.

Monday—21st to Wednesday—30th
Warm. Muddy travelling.

Thursday—31st
Illinois Presbyterians commenced its semi-annual meeting in town.

April—1831: Sunday—1st
The Presbyterian Church had its Sacramental meeting. Cold.

Wednesday—6th
Snow storm and high wind.

Monday—10th
Recommenced school.

Friday—15th
Went to my farm.

Saturday—16th
Returned home.

Monday—18th
Circuit Court commenced session.

Friday—22nd
Moved my stable. Cold for the season. Put my planks in Henry's dry kiln.

Saturday—23rd
Went to the farm.

Sunday—24th
Came home.

Monday—25th
Attended monthly concert of Sunday School teachers.

Saturday—30th
Sat off with team, and a prairie plow which came in late last night with instructions, to commence breaking prairie. Exhibition of elephants and other wild animals in town.

May—1831: Friday—13th
After school I went out to the farm. Stopped at Mr. James Marshall's, South side of North Prairie, 10 miles out.*

Saturday—14th
Came to the farm at 10 o'clock. Appearances of rain.

Sunday—15th
Very great shower of rainfall last night, which has swollen the streams out of their banks.

Monday—16th
In consequence of the rain, I have not been able to get home until today.

Saturday—21st
Went to Berry's, 8 miles out, for brick.

Sunday—22nd
Attended morning prayer meeting at Mr. Ellis's. Rev. Mr. Farnum preached in the morning. Ayres, Means, Craig, and Edwards were ordained as elders of the Church. Rev. Mr. Studrevant lectured in the evening.*

Tuesday—24th
Received a letter from Ungles of Indianapolis informing me that the suits brought by Thornton and Farnum, in my behalf, have been settled at the cost of the defendant. So ends the negro business—my loss $600.00, and if the cost comes out of me, it will still be owed. I have Thornton and Farnham's contract which exempts me from all costs of the case, let it go as it may—.

Friday—27th
Went to the farm. Stopped half way at Mr. Marshall's, which is nearly in direct line, and about half way.

Saturday—28th
Not very well. Went on the farm and stayed at Mr. Carr's.

June—1831: Wednesday—1st
Warm and fine growing weather.

Saturday—11th
Went to the bottom.

Sunday—12th
Visited families and consulted about Sabbath School house.

Sunday—19th
With the assistance of others, I got up a Sabbath School under the bluffs.

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*South side Cass Co. North Prairie extends from Virginia, Ill., to timber on Indian Creek.

*Dr. Sturdevant, President Illinois College.

Tuesday—21st
Busily employed at intervals of school placing post and railing around lots.

Sunday—26th
Attended meeting at the new Presbyterian Church lately finished and dedicated, Jacksonville, Ill.

July—1831: Friday—1st
Dismissed school and went to the bottom accompanied by Mr. Chatham Simms.

Sunday—3rd
Not well. Came home in the evening. Took medicine.

Friday—8th
Dismissed my school for the day.

Saturday—9th
Went to the farm.

Sunday—10th
Came home. Did not attend my Sabbath School under the Bluffs. Got 2 bushels of corn from Mr. Marshall.

Thursday—28th
Four days meeting commenced in this town and a good number of people attended. Considerable excitement.

Sunday—31st
This has been a solemn and intent day. I was admitted in full cause to this Church —on examination.*

August—1831: Monday—1st
Meeting continued owing to the interest felt by sinners whom I hope are submitting themselves into the hands of Jesus Christ.

Thursday—4th
Went to Jersey Prairie to attend 4 days meeting.

Sunday—7th
At Jersey Prairie. The meeting broke up this morning, and I came home.

Friday—12th
Went to the farm. Hot and dry.

Saturday—13th
Assisted in hauling in hay. Considerable sickness under the Bluffs.

Sunday—14th
At Mr. Carr's. Came up to Mr. Stuart's, and attended Sabbath School.

Thursday—18th: August, 1831
A Mr. Morse, a newcomer from the N. E., departed this life.

Friday—19th
Attended the funeral of Mr. Morse.

Saturday—20th
Very rainy. Writing a posting book.

Sunday—21st
Being unwell, I stayed at home. Had slight chill and ague. Took calomel.

Monday—22nd
The medicine I took last evening has done its effect faithfully and I am much better.

Tuesday—23rd
Went to Sutton's Mill, and then had another slight chill.

Wednesday—24th
Under the influence of medicine.

Monday—29th
Wrote to Mr. Winter. Warm. Had Doc. Prosser's* well cleaned out. My half of the expense was 75c.

September—1831: Jacksonville, Ill.
Friday—2nd
Went to the farm. Cloudy.

Saturday—3rd
Returned home.

Sunday—4th
Cool. Attended meeting. Sacramental Season. Eliza was received in full communion of this Church. Present were Rev. Mr. Frazier, Hardy and Ellis.

Tuesday—6th
Mr. Lowry commenced cutting a ditch around my farm at 31¼c per rod, long measure.

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*Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Ill.

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Thursday—8th
My horses have left and gone towards home.

Friday—9th
This morning I came home, and found the horses safe.

Sunday—11th
Cold for the season. Attended meeting.

Monday—12th
Went to the farm.

Friday—16th
Some frost. Clear and cool.

Saturday—17th: Sept. 1831
With consequence of the intention and bad management of Mr. Thompson Frakes, I discharged him. Returned home late at night and found all well.

Tuesday—20th
Hauling in hay.

Saturday—25th
Came home by 10 o'clock. Had a chill and a good deal of fever. Cool for the season. Found the family poorly. Henry has the ague and fever.

Thursday—29th
Went to Major Simms'.

Friday—30th
Eliza and I rode out to the farm.

October—1831: Sunday—2nd
Came home and found all well but Henry, who has some fever. Very gusty.

Tuesday—4th
Cold. Storm of rain and snow.

Thursday—6th
At work on my fence.

Saturday—8th
Sister Harriet spent the night with us.*

Monday—10th
Very considerable white frost.

Tuesday—11th to Thursday—13th
At the farm. Came on to Painters Grove, and left my plow to be stored, and then returned home. All well. Indian summer has commenced.

Saturday—15th: October, 1831
Mr. Lowry has finished ditching. He helped me put on the rails, and I paid him in full.

Monday—17th
Commenced plowing for wheat.

Tuesday—18th to Saturday—22nd
Very warm and dry. I have been preparing for wheat all this week.

Sunday—23rd
Very hard rain during the night. At 12 o'clock noon, I came home.

Monday—24th
At home. Rented half of my stable to a Mr. Williams for $1.00 per month.

Wednesday—26th
Snowed.
Sat off for the farm with some of my stock accompanied by a Mr. Myers who kindly offered to assisted me in driving.

Friday—28th
Came to the farm by noon, much fatigued.

Saturday—29th
Went to Beardstown with my team. Rained much in the evening. Did not get back to the farm until late in the evening.

Monday—31st
At work on the farm getting in hay.
November—1831. Jacksonville, Illinois.

Wednesday—2nd
Plowing for wheat. Good weather.

Friday—4th
Went to Hanby's and traded for corn.

Monday—7th to Saturday—12th
Plowed for wheat all this week and finished. Went to Beardstown, and thence homeward as far as Mr. Marshall's.

Sunday—13th
Came home to early breakfast. Attended meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Cool.

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*Mrs. Simms.

Monday—14th
Busily engaged about affairs around home.

Wednesday—16th
Rainy. After dinner I sat off for the farm and came as far as Mr. Carr's by dark. Bad travelling.

Thursday—17th: Nov., 1831
Hauled wood. Rainy.

Friday—18th
Hauled corn from the mill.

Sunday—20th
Attended Bluff Sabbath School. Cold for this season.

Tuesday—22nd
Moving rails on the farm.

Thursday—24th
Beautiful day. Moved John Davis on the farm to feed my stock for the use of my house this winter.

Saturday—26th
Very considerable snow has fallen since last night. Sat off with Dearborn for home accompanied with Lucy Horrom (who is to live with our family for $1.00 a week), and John Davis who is to assist me in driving my stock to the farm from Jacksonville. Came home by 7 o'clock evening. Found the family considerably indisposed from bad colds.

Monday—28th
Cold and blustery. Collected my stock together which has been on the range near Jacksonville.

Tuesday—29th
Sat off with the stock for the farm. John Davis accompanied me part of the way.

Wednesday—30th
Went to the Diamond Grove.

December — 1831
Thursday—1st to Thursday—8th
Very cold and blustery.

Monday—12th
The cold not quite so intensive today. Lewis Clanniham Spice will live with me at the cost of $10.00 per month, washing included, after we get to the farm.

Tuesday—13th
Sat off for the farm with part of my hogs. Stopped at Mr. Marshall's.

Wednesday—14th
Snow storm. Came to the farm by evening. Quite fatigued.

Friday—16th
Came home today.

Tuesday—20th. December, 1831
Commenced feeding my hogs today, although I have been feeding pretty well for a few days.

Wednesday—21st
Lucy Horrom left, and went home accompanied by her father. She rode my mare.

Saturday—24th
Mild weather. Christmas Eve. The people are sporting by firing guns.

Sunday—25th
Christmas Day. Remained home.

Monday—26th
Mild weather. Eliza, the children and myself went over to Sister Harriet's and spent the day.

Wednesday—28th
Rode out to Widow Smith's and bought some corn.

Saturday—31st
About eight inches of snow fell last night.
January, 1832. Jacksonville, Illinois.

Sunday—1st
Attended the Sabbath School this mornnig, and assisted in bestowing premiums to the scholars. Rev. Mr. Hardy preached in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Sturdevant preached in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Hardy preached again in the evening. Minutes of the late meeting of the Presbyterians were read which related to the dismissal of Rev. Mr. Ellis from the Church and Society.

Friday—6th
About 8 inches of snow fell last night.

Saturday—7th
Killed my hogs, weight 1591 pounds.*

Sunday—8th
Mild weather.

Monday—9th
Sent off my cow and shoats to the farm. Beautiful weather.

Wednesday—11th
Warm for the season.

Friday—13th
A considerable degree of mortality attends the epidemic of influenza prevailing in this section.

Saturday—14th. Jan., 1832.
Warm. Attended the preparatory lecture to the Sacrament. Preacher, Rev. Mr. Baldwin.

Sunday—15th
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Ellis, who has been dismissed from the Church, preached his final sermon. Warm.

Tuesday—17th
Birthday. Thirty-five years old.

Friday—20th
Raised smoked hams.

Monday—23rd
At work on my smoke house. A little snow fell last night.

Wednesday—25th
Cold and severe weather. The thermometer has stood at a number of degrees below zero.

Monday—30th
Cloudy and from the quantity of snow, nature appears quite in season with the wintery garb.

Tuesday—31st
Snowing at intervals through the day. About 10 inches of snow is on the ground.

February—1832
Wednesday — 1st
Warm and pleasant. The snow has wasted away considerable.

Thursday—2nd
Finished shingling my smoke house.

Friday—3rd
Very rainy and hard peals of thunder with vivid lightning. Mr. Wm. Taylor's son was dead this morning, having been struck with lightning. It struck the house first, in which the family lived. A Mr. Chandler received some injury, living in a house near by. The shock was considerable at our house, being a few yards distance of Mr. Taylor's. Very hard rain through most of the day which freezes as fast as it falls to the ground.

Monday—6th to Friday—10th
Hard rains and foggy weather has carried off the snow, and caused the streams to rise very considerably. The roads are almost impassable owing to the deepness of the mud.

Saturday—11th
About 8 o'clock P. M. Eliza was delivered of a son. Sister Harriet was with us.

Sunday—12th. Feb., 1832
Eliza is comfortable today. In the evening sister Harriet returned home.

Thursday—16th
Four days meeting commenced by the Presbyterians. This day has been kept as a private fast. Heard Mr. Hale preach in the evening.

Friday—17th
Rainy and cold. Eliza quite sick.

Tuesday—21st
Eliza some better.

Wednesday—22nd
Washington's Birthday. Quite a snow storm today.

Friday—24th to Tuesday—28th
A considerable degree of revival of Religion

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*Sewall commenced feeding these hogs December 20.

is going on in town, being mostly confined to Presbyterians.

Wednesday—29th
Attended Prayer Meeting.

March—1832: Thursday—1st
Attended meeting. Some few cases of hopeful conversion.

Friday—2nd
Rode out to the farm and hung up my hams and shoulders.

Saturday—3rd
Returned home.

Monday—5th
Monthly concert of prayer. A good attendance considering the badness of travel.

Saturday—10th
Very rainy all day. Received a letter from sister Susan of an interesting character.

Sunday—11th
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Farnum preached three times.

Monday—12th
Cold and squalls of snow attended monthly concert.

Wednesday—14. March, 1832
Warm after the morning passed off.

Saturday —17th
Ground frozen very hard

Tuesday—20th
At work on lot.

Friday—23rd
Went to the farm via Beardstown, accompanied to the last place by Rev. Mr. Farnum. Very warm and high wind Roads in most places settled. Stopped for the night at Mr. Carr's.

Saturday—24th
Came to the farm and found things going on fairly well. Came home.

Sunday—25th
Rainy and high wind. Attended meeting this A. M. Rev. Mr. Hardy preached. Not well. Took medicine.

Friday—30th
Major Simms got badly hurt by one of his steers. I went out to see him.

Saturday—31st
At Major Simms'.

April—1832: Sunday—1st
Communion of the Lord's Supper, Presbyterian Church. Most of the members of the Illinois Presbyterians were present.

Monday—2nd
Rode out to Maj. Simms' with Eliza.

Wednesday—4th
At work on lot.

Thursday—5th
Went to the farm via Mr. Brockman's, of whom I purchased a large wagon.

Friday—6th
Came on from Brockman's to the farm with the wagon. Then I returned home.

Saturday—7th
Not well. Went out to Maj. Simms'.

Monday—9th
Very sick. Took medicine.

Wednesday—11th
Went to the farm. Found all things well except my colt which died, two days old.

Saturday—14th, April, 1832
At work on my farm. Sowed lettuce and cabbage.

Sunday—15th
Attended meeting and Sabbath School under the Bluff.

Monday—16th
Commenced making fence around the garden and house at the farm. Warm.

Tuesday—17th
Cool. At work on the fence.

Friday—20th
Finished the fence.

Saturday—21st
Planted Irish and sweet potatoes, mustard, English peas, tomatoes, parsley, onions and peppers. Came home and found all well. Orders out for volunteers, and drafts are made on the militia to drive off the Indians who are becoming troublesome on the frontiers.

Monday—23rd
Indian War. Men were called out and put on the march. Hearing that Lewis was drafted, I hastened to the farm. Lewis was not obliged to go.

Tuesday—24th: April, 1832
Came home. Many of the soldiers are bound to the frontiers, and have passed through town today.

Wednesday—25th
Sat off for the farm and came there by sunset.

Thursday—26th
Went to Beardstown, and exchanged some of my corn for that which is drawn by the volunteers (now on their way to the Indian Territory, or our frontiers), which corn is supposed will do for seed which is very scarce in Illinois. There are about 1200 volunteers encamped at Beardstown.*

Friday—27th
Rainy most of the day. Lewis is laid up.

Sunday—29th
Went to my Sabbath School held at Mr. Stewart's. Cleared up and became quite warm.

Monday—30th
Hauling rails and making fence.

May—1832: Tuesday—1st
Bought 7¾ bushels of seed potatoes of Widow Stewart at 37½c per bushel. Hauling rails and making fence. Good weather.

Saturday—5th
Cool. Hauling slabs from the saw mill. Sat off for home. I arrived late. All well.

Sunday—6th
Attended meeting. Rev. Mr. Hardy preached in the morning. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Corrington preached, in the Court House to the children of the two Sabbath Schools in this place.

Monday—7th
Went to Maj. Simms.

Tuesday—8th
Came out to the farm accompanied by son, Henry.

Wednesday—9th
Plowing. Commenced making a large harrow, 3 square, 12 feet each side.

Thursday—10th
At work plowing.

Friday—11th
Went to the Street's Horse Mill.

Tuesday—15th: May, 1832
Finished plowing this morning. Very warm.

Wednesday—16th
Harrowed off and planted.

Thursday—17th
The old ground in corn, which contains about 10 acres of corn, I covered with a large triangular harrow which is a great saving of labor.

Friday—18th
Prepared the ground for potatoes.

Monday—21st
Hunting up my cattle and hauling slabs from the saw mill. Warm.

Tuesday—22nd
John Lowry commencod cutting me more ditch, with two hands, and he is to cut one day with another, 4 rods to each hand, at 31¼c per rod. Ditch is to be good 2½ feet wide at the top and 18 inches at the bottom. Length optional with me. I find the hands.

Wednesday—23rd
Very unwell with a bad cold. Making lots for cows and steers.

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*Black Hawk War.

Thursday—24th
Very changeable weather. Quite a backward season.

Friday—25th
Went to McCauley's and got one of my two-year-olds which strayed off early last winter.

Sunday—27th
Placed myself under the care of Dr. Prosser, who bled me.

Monday—28th
My disease is the inflamatory fever, especially on the lungs.

Tuesday—29th
The weather has been very cold.

June—1832: Saturday—2nd
Mr. Ayres sat up with me.

Tuesday—5th
I am convalescing slowly.

Saturday—9th
Lewis came up from the farm.

Monday—11th
Lewis returned to the farm.

Tuesday—12th
Walked over to Dr. Prosser's. Gaining strength slowly.

Thursday—14th
Walked up as far as Dunlap's store. Find myself quite weak yet, though I am mending.

Friday—22nd
Lewis and Lowry came up from the Bluffs. Settled with Mr. Lowry, and am indebted to him for $40.81¼.

Saturday—23rd
Settled with Lowry, and they left for the Bluffs.

Tuesday—26th
Warm and very dry. I am nearly recovered.

July—1832: Tuesday—3rd
Slight showers of rain. Lewis came up from the farm to see about his difficulties.

Wednesday—4th
Anniversary of the American Independence. The morning was ushered in with heavy firing. At sunrise it commenced to rain accompanied with thunder and lightning. It continued to rain until noon. At noon the citizens of the place moved in procession, escorted by Capt. Smith's Company, to the grove near the Methodist Camp where was read, after a hymn was sung, a prayer made by Rev. Mr. Lohre. Declaration was read by Rev. Mr. Osborn, and an oration by Mr. Jones Esq. After which most of the people partook of a dinner provided for the occasion.

Friday—6th
Very warm. 91 degrees.

Sunday—8th
Rainy through the day which prevents us from attending meeting.

Tuesday—10th
Went to the farm. Cool and pleasant.

Friday—13th: July, 1832
Came with the family to the farm to spend a few days.

Monday—16th
Commenced harvesting. Warm.

Tuesday—17th
Warm and dry. Rain much needed. John Pierson worked one day.

Thursday—19th
Cooper sat in to work in the harvest field. This is the old man.*

Saturday—21st
Cooper worked half a day only. Went to Strut's Mills.

Tuesday—24th
Went to Beardstown.

Wednesday—25th
Finished my harvesting. Cooper worked in all, 6 days. Sowed buckwheat and turnips today.

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*Mark Cooper.

Saturday—28th
Set out cabbage plants and beets. Made frame for hauling in grain.

Sunday—29th
Attended Sabbath School. Warm and dry.

Monday—30th
Commenced making cap and stake fence on my ditch, the other fence being insufficient to keep out hogs.

August—1832: Wednesday—1st
Harrison Cooper set in to work for me at $10.00 per month.

Thursday—2nd
Very warm and dry. My corn is now shooting and it needs rain very much. Buckwheat and turnips are just coming up.

Friday—3rd
Finished hauling in grain.

Saturday—4th
Lewis is sick with the fever. Harrison Cooper has worked four days this week.

Thursday—9th
Came to Jacksonville with family.

Friday—10th
Hot and dry.

Tuesday—14th. August, 1832
Attended the inauguration of the President of Illinois College.

Thursday—16th
Returned to the farm.

Tuesday—21st
Lewis is better, but not able to do much. Commenced cutting hay.

Sunday—26th
It has been hot and dry all week. Remained at the farm today.

Monday—27th
Put up hay. Lewis is at work most of the day.

Tuesday—28th
Rained most of the morning. Lewis attended muster.

Friday—31st
Cool and wet.

September—1832: Saturday—1st
Returned home. All well. Received letter from sister Susan.

Monday—3rd
Returned to the farm.

Tuesday—4th
Commenced cutting logs on the river to make a dwelling house.

Friday—7th
Finished cutting logs. Warm.

Saturday—8th
Hauling rails and making fence.

Sunday—9th
Pleasant weather. Went to Sabbath School, but finding no scholars there, I returned to the farm.

Monday—10th
Opened a road in the bottom, and commenced hauling logs.

Saturday—15th: Sept. 1832
Came home, and found some of the family indisposed.

Tuesday—18th
Warm. High wind. Went to Seaton's Mill.

Wednesday—19th
Came to the farm. Shower of rain. I got wet.

Saturday—22nd
Hauling in hay. Good weather.

Sunday—23rd
Went to Sabbath School. Finding no scholars on account of the family being sick, continued to Mr. Carr's.

Thursday—27th
Finished hauling in hay, and commenced plowing for wheat.

Sunday—30th
Remarkably cold for this season.

October—1832: Monday—1st
Plowing. Cold.

Tuesday—2nd
Frost last night. Fearing the frost might injure my corn, and it being in good order, ceased plowing and cut up the corn.

Wednesday—3rd
Cutting corn and stacking same.

Saturday—6th
Hunting cattle, and hauling wood.

Sunday—7th
Remained at home.

Wednesday—10th
Plowing. Cool.

Thursday—11th
Finished plowing.

Saturday—13th
Tramping out wheat. Returned home late in the evening.

Sunday—14th
Attended Meeting at Mr. Foster's. Missionary from the East preached.

Monday—15th: October, 1832
Purchasing material, and completing contracts for the completing of buildings on the house lots.

Tuesday—16th
Came to the farm.

Thursday—18th
Cleaned up 35½ bushels of wheat, and harrowed the same in.

Friday—19th
Finished sowing stubble ground, 15 acres. Sowed about 1¼ bushels per acre, about 19¼ bushels in all. Went to the horse mill with 2½ bushels of wheat. Got 87½ pounds of good flour. I stayed at McCord's, near the mill.

Saturday—20th
Came to the farm. Commenced cutting buckwheat, which has been curtailed in consequence of the severe frost on the 14th and 15th, which also killed all the fodder.

Tuesday—23rd: October, 1832
Sowed and harrowed out 5 acres of corn ground.

Wednesday—24th
Finished the corn ground. Sowed in all 25½ bushels of wheat.

Thursday—25th
Went to McCord's Mill with Oscar, and 8 bushels of wheat. Heard preaching at McCord's. Here I am to stay tonight.

Friday—26th
Lewis has been blowing rock all day. Returned to the farm.

Saturday—27th
Dark and cloudy morning, and some little rain. I sat off for home, and found the family real well. I brought home the flour that I got made at the McCord Mill, 244 pounds from 7 bushels of wheat.

Sunday—28th
Attended Meeting. Had our little son, William Winter, baptized by President Beecher.

Monday—29th
Made a contract with Mr. Spencer to do my plastering in both places on lots in Jacksonville for $5.00, one-half to be paid in cash by Christmas, and the other half to be taken in goods at Dunlap's store. I am to find him material.

Tuesday—30th
My horse Charley took sick and died in the evening. All this I attribute to Ballard, who kept him this winter.

November—1832: Wednesday—1st
Having purchased another horse, at 6 months credit, of John Henry, I made the necessary preparations to go to the farm.

Thursday—2nd
Went to the farm.

Friday—3rd
Digging potatoes. Warm.

Saturday—4th
Finished digging potatoes. Measured 27 bushels of assorted potatoes, and 11 bushels of seed potatoes, making 38 in all.

Tuesday—7th to Friday—10th
Getting board timber in the bottom.

Monday—13th to Friday—30th
Plastering the lower and upper part of the house.

December—1832: Tuesday, 4th
Went to the farm with the black mare, who is very feeble from a sick spell

Friday—7th
Returned home.

Monday—10th
Moved in to my new house in order to finish the other one.

Tuesday—11th
Went to the farm.

Wednesday—12th
Pulled down my cabin and moved it a little farther down on my farm.

Thursday—13th
Rainy and sleet. This weather has caught me unaware. I have not my timber in. I slept last night at Mr. Plaster's, my nearest neighbor.

December — 1832
Friday—14th to Friday—21st
At work on the house and farm. Snowy.

Saturday—22nd
Returned home. Moderate weather.

Monday—24th
Returned to the farm.

Tuesday—25th
Raw and chilly. Christmas.

Saturday—29th
Came home. Good weather.

Sunday—30th
Rev. Mr. Peters, corresponding secretary of the Home Missions, preached at the Presbyterian Church today, and exhibited the wants of a Benevolent Society, and also clearly proved responsibilities of the Christians. The day closed with a benevolent enterprise of this Church. I am pledged to the production of three acres of wheat now in the ground to be equally divided between the Home Mission, the Foreign Mission and Education Society.

Monday—31st
Rainy and warm. Settled up business, and thus ends the year.

January—1833. Jacksonville, Illinois.
Tuesday—1st
Went to the farm.

Wednesday—2nd
Pointing house. Rainy.

Thursday—3rd
Killed my hogs.

Friday—4th
Salting my pork, etc.

Saturday—5th
Came home.

Sunday—6th
Attended Meeting.

Monday—7th
Cold. This day has been set apart by most of the Christian Churches for fasting, humiliation and prayer for the conversion of the world.

Tuesday—8th
Went to the farm. Slight fall of snow. Cold.

Saturday—12th
Lewis Spice went to Jacksonville.

Monday—14th: January, 1833
Lewis returned from Jacksonville.

Wednesday—16th
Lewis taken sick.

Thursday—17th
Birthday—36 years old.

Friday—18th
Lewis sick. Gave him medicine.

Saturday—19th
Came home. Roads are quite muddy.

Sunday—20th
Attended Meeting.

Monday—21st
At work on house lots in Jacksonville.*

Sunday—27th
Attended Meeting.

Monday—28th
Beatiful day. At work on house lots in Jacksonville.

Tuesday—29th
Went to the farm. Warm.

Wednesday—30th
Built a smokehouse.

February—1833: Friday—1st
Hung up my meat.

Sunday—3rd to Friday—8th
Remained at the farm. At work on the house.

Saturday—9th
Came home accompanied by Lewis, who is to take the horse back.

Sunday—10th
Lewis had a chill.

Monday—11th
Lewis returned to the farm. Lathing my house.

Friday—22nd
Went to Deed's sale. Eliza and the children accompanied me as far as Major Simms'.

Saturday—23rd February, 1833
Election for Magistrate, Constable, and Collector in this town. A considerable degree of excitement for Magistrate.

Monday—25th
Commenced digging well on house lots in Jacksonville.

Tuesday—26th
Finished digging well, and found plenty of water at 23 feet.

Wednesday—27th
Walled up the well with brick. Took about 2000.

March—1883: Thursday—21st
Whitewashing fence of lots in Jacksonville.

Friday—22nd
Painted my two houses on two lots in Jacksonville, assisted by Andrew Newman.

Saturday—23rd
The first coat of plastering done in house on west lot by Mr. Lot Clark. Did not finish until quite late in the night.

Tuesday—26th
Went to the farm.

Wednesday—27th
Whitewashed my cabin.

Thursday—28th
Returned home.

Friday—29th
Plastering house.

Saturday—30
Plastering house. Lewis very sick.

April—1883: Monday—1st
Whitewashing fence, and finishing work on house lots in Jacksonville. Packing up and preparing to move to the farm.

Tuesday—2nd
Rainy which prevented moving.

Wednesday—3rd
Clear and fine weather for the season. Moved to the farm. Stayed, however, at James Marshall's.

Thursday—4th
Came to the farm a little past noon without any accident.

Friday—5th
Sowed and harrowed in oats.

Saturday—6th
Plowed garden. Lewis still sick.

Tuesday—9th
Went to Jacksonville. Rainy.

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*This lot was the site of John Cling's livery Barn.

Friday—12th: April 1833
Returned home. Quite cold for the season.

Saturday—13th
Considerable frost. Settled (paid off) and discharged John Fowler. He has been at work on my farm since the first of December, last. At night Lewis and myself cut a bee tree, and hauled it home for stock bees.

Monday—15th
Went to McCord's Mill and carried 3 bushels of corn, and one of buckwheat. Contracted with Sivily C. Johnson to work for me on the farm for the term of one month at $11.00. He is to commence tomorrow. Lewis Spice recommended him for work.

Tuesday—16th
Sat off hog hunting with Lewis and Johnson. Camped at the round prairie near the mouth of the Sangamon river. Rainy and cold.

Wednesday—17th
Cold morning. Considerable frost. Came home with Johnson, leaving Lewis in the woods to hunt still longer for my wild hogs. One horned cow had a calf.

Thursday—18th: April, 1833
Planted potatoes for early use. Making stakes for fence.

Friday—19th
Commenced plowing for corn.

Sunday—21st
Attended a meeting of a few individuals convened at Mr. Leeper's for the purpose of organizing a Sabbath School. The School commenced under tolerable circumstances.

Friday—26th
Went to McCord's Mill.

Saturday—27th
There has been a delightful rain during the night, accompanied with thunder and lightning. Making preparation for running a fence around field. Hauled stakes.

Sunday—28th
Attended Sabbath School at Mr. Leeper's.

Tuesday—30th
Hauling rails and sharpening stakes for fence.

May — 1833... On the farm.
Wednesday—1st
Sharpening and treading out wheat.

Saturday—4th
Mr. Dixon, from the College of Jacksonville, came here. He is engaged in the Sabbath School cause.

Sunday—5th
Attended Meeting at Mr. Bryant's and thence I went to Mr. McCord's, with Mr. Dixon, and got up a Sabbath School.

Tuesday—7th
Commenced boring holes and putting up stakes and carrying forward fence.

Friday—10th
Went to Jacksonville via Bible Mill.

Saturday—11th
Returned home. Cool for the season.

Sunday—12th
Attended Sabbath School at Mr. Leeper's, and at Mr. Steward's at 3 P. M.

May — 1833
Monday—13th to Wednesday—15th
Making fence.

Thursday—16th
Planted about 8 acres of corn (old ground).

Friday—17th and Saturday—18th
Preparing for breaking prairie.

Sunday—19th
Attended a Meeting held in Mr. Wm. Holmes' neighborhood for the purpose of getting up a Sabbath School. No opposition, and good prospects of a good school going forward.

Monday—20th
Commenced breaking prairie, and at leisure times the reading of Reis Encyclopedia, borrowed of Mr. Holmes.

Tuesday—21st and Wednesday—22nd
Breaking prairie. Cool.

Thursday—23rd
Plowed about 3 acres of old ground for corn.

Friday—24th
Attended Magistrate Meeting at Squire Crow's. Richardson obtained judgment for $3.37½ and costs.

Saturday—25th
Went over the river with Eliza and the children for a ride.

Sunday—26th
Rainy, which keeps one from attending Sabbath School at Mr. Leeper's.

Monday—27th to Friday—31st
Breaking prairie.

June — 1833. On the farm—Sangamon Bottom.

Saturday—1st
Considerable fall of rain during the past night and morning. Set out cabbage plants.

Sunday—2nd
Cool. There has been a very great fall of rain during the past night attended with a high wind, thunder, and lightning. Went to Indian Run School kept at Mr. Steward's.

Monday—3rd
Repairing fences injured by the late rains. Replanting corn.

Tuesday—4th
Replanting corn.

Thursday—6th
Showers. Repairing stakes and caps for ditch fence.

Friday—7th
Warm and showery. Making ditch fence.

Saturday—8th
Attended muster at Indian Run. Waters are rising.

Sunday—9th
Delightful morning. Attended my two Sabbath Schools.

Monday—10th: Tuesday, 11th June, 1833
Got fine stakes in bottom.

Wednesday—12th
Preparing ground for potatoes. Warm. Cousin Chatham and Samuel Simms came to see us.

Thursday—13th
Cool. Showery. Went to the bottom with Chatham and Samuel for the purpose of getting fish, but the day was too unfavorable.

Friday—14th
Got up my hogs.

Saturday—15th
Lewis sick all day with the colic. Made a rake and partly burned the weeds on the potato ground.

Sunday—16th
Attended Meeting at Mr. Leeper's, after which there was preaching by a Mr. Corby, Cumberland Presbyterian. Attended also the other Sabbath School at 3 P. M.

Monday—17th
Breaking prairie, and planting corn.

Tuesday—20th
Finished planting potatoes. Sowed rutabaga turnips.

Friday—21st
Went to Jacksonville accompanied by Eliza and most of the children. Took tea at Dr. Prosser's, and then went to Major Simms.'

Saturday—22nd: June, 1833
Came into Jacksonville and heard preaching. There is a great deal of alarm about the cholera which is marching this course.

Monday—24th
Came on our way home via Bibby Miller's, and stopped at Mr. Wm. Holmes.

Tuesday—25th
Commenced harvesting. Johnson cradled ½ day. I commenced plowing our corn.

Saturday—29th
Harvesting. Warm.

Sunday—30th
Attended Meeting at Mr. Leeper's, and Mr. Steward's.

July — 1833. On the farm.

Tuesday—2nd
At work in the garden. Preparing for cabbage and transplanting beets. Harvesting.

Wednesday—3rd
Plowing corn. Good weather.

Thursday—4th
Independence Day. Lewis took sick and took medicine.

Saturday—6th
Finished plowing corn. My corn is now jointing and is in a very growing state.

Sunday—7th
I am not well, so did not attend Sabbath School. Eliza and the children did at Mr. Leeper's.

Monday—8th
Lewis resumed his work. He has lost 3½ days.

Tuesday—9th
Lemon Plasters set in with us harvesting. Went in search of more hands. Obtained two cradlers and two binders, each to get $1.25 per day, the binders to keep up with the cradlers.

Wednesday—10th
Henry and Levi Dick, and Martin and Henry Taylor are helping. They sat in to work.

Thursday—11th: July, 1833
Henry Dick is not cradling, for he took sick.

Friday—12th
The hands have nearly finished my harvesting.

Saturday—13th
The hands went home early this morning.

John Dick worked one day	$1.25
Levi Dick, 3 days	3.75
Henry Taylor, 3 days	3.75
Martin Taylor, 3 days	3.75
	$12.50

Lemon Plaster, 4 days. Is to receive wheat.

Monday—15th
Commenced cutting oats, which are very much lodged.

Tuesday—16th
Sowed buckwheat and turnips. Eliza and self went to Beardstown.

Wednesday—17th
Very hot. Cutting oats. Corn is growing rapidly, and there is a good prospect of an abundance of crops.

Monday—22nd
Cutting oats, and plowing potatoes. Henry is very ill.

Wednesday—24th
Dr. Chandler spent the day with us. Very hot cutting oats.

Sunday—28th
Attended Meeting at Mr. Leeper's. Exceedingly hot.

Monday—29th
Finished cutting oats.

Wednesday—31st
Clear and serene.

August — 1833: Friday—2nd
Hauling in oats.

Saturday—31st
Hauling in oats which are finished. I have hauled 8 loads, and each load contains 40 bundles.

Sunday—4th
Rained last night. Attended the school only, at Mr. Steward's. Took sick with the chill and fever in the evening.

Monday—5th
Very sick through the last night. Commenced hauling in wheat.

Tuesday—6th
Hauling in wheat. Running two wagons with 3 yoke of oxen, assisted by Mr. Thomas and Lemon Plaster. Quite sick.

Thursday—8th
Finished hauling in my grain. I kept my bed most of the day, and missed my fever. Lewis taken sick today.

Friday—9th
I am getting better.

Monday—12th
Lewis missed his chill. Cool wind.

Tuesday—13th
Eliza taken sick, also the baby. Lewis is able to go to work.

Thursday—15th: August, 1833
Eliza quite sick.

Friday—16th
I went to Beardstown. Eliza múch better. Lewis commenced blowing rock.

Saturday—17th
Most of my family which have been sick with the chills and fever are getting better. This season has been rather sickly, which is owing to the great deal of heat in July, and the too sudden decay of vegetable matter.

Tuesday—20th
Went out to McCord's Mill, accompanied by Eliza and one of the children. There could be no grinding in consequence of the death of Mr. McCord, who has been sick with the fever. Came on by Street's Mill, where I left my bag—as I cannot get my corn ground until Thursday. Finished getting out rock.

Wednesday—21st
Hauling rock.

Thursday—22nd
Went to the mill.

Friday—23rd
Finished hauling rock. Mr. James Means of Jacksonville called on us.

Monday—26th: August, 1833
Lewis sick. Warm.

Tuesday—27th
Lewis resumed his work. Eliza and myself went to Beardstown.

Wednesday—28th
Lewis and myself attended the Regimental Muster.

Thursday—29th
Cool. Hauling logs together for the purpose of putting barn, stable and house together.

Saturday—31st
Hauling logs which are finished. Dry and dusty.

September — 1833: Sunday—1st
Remained at home. Lewis sick.

Monday—2nd
Commenced digging for water. Mr. L. C. Johnson worked with me today, as Lewis is sick.

Tuesday—3rd
Digging well. Lemon Plaster assisted me, for which I am to return two days labor. Showers of rain, which are much needed.

Wednesday—4th
Came to water in my well at 26 feet—in beautiful white sand. I am compelled to stop until I get a person to wall it. Lewis sick.

Friday—6th
Nicholis Kelly sat in to work for me at $10.00 per month, half to be paid out of a store, and the other half in cash.

Saturday—7th
Mr. Kelly commenced making shingles. Lewis mending slowly.

Sunday—8th
Attended Meeting at Mr. Leeper's.

Monday—9th
Lewis went to the mill. Able to work again.

Tuesday—10th
Went to the bottom. Cut and sawed off shingle timber. Making shingles.

Thursday—12th: Sept. 1833
Went to Beardstown. Lewis commenced cutting hay. Quite cold for the season.

Tuesday—17th
Steward commenced work for me at $12.00 per month. Cutting hay. Making shingles.

Thursday—19th
Went to Beardstown. Cutting hay, and making shingles.

Friday—20th
Finished cutting hay, and making shingles.

Saturday—21st
Returned the work due Mr. Plaster.

Monday—23rd
Commenced plowing for wheat. Good weather.

Tuesday—24th
Making hay frame.

Thursday—26th
Hauling in hay.

Friday—27th
Went to Beardstown. Hauling out timber. Lewis taken sick with chill about the middle of the day. Plowed ½ day.

Monday—31st
Rainy and wind. Rufus Stewart worked half a day. Kelly absent half a day. Plowing for wheat. Lewis sick.

October—1833: Wednesday—2nd
Cool. Lewis sick. Kelly absent. Plowing for wheat. Two plows going.

Thursday—3rd
Lewis went hunting. Considerable frost in places.

Friday—4th
Severe frost. Plowing for wheat. Cutting down corn.

Sunday—6th
Remained home all day. Dark and cool weather.

Monday—7th
Kelly sick with ague. Left here in the middle of the day.

Tuesday—8th
Cutting down corn. Plowing.

Saturday—12th
Went to Beardstown with Wardlems.

Monday—14th: October, 1833
Kelly recommenced work—½ day. Plowing and putting up corn.

Wednesday—16th
Commenced getting out wheat, which I find has been greatly injured by being badly stacked.

Thursday—17th
Being unfit to get out wheat, went to the bottom and sawed timber.

Tuesday—22nd
Clearing out wheat. Beautiful weather.

Thursday—24th
Sowing wheat and harrowing in the same.

Friday—25th
Finished sowing in wheat.

Monday—28th
Commenced walling well.

November—1833: Friday—1st
Lewis went to mill. I went to John Scott's, and got a load of rock.

Saturday—2nd
Hauling stock corn and wood.

Monday—4th
Went into the bottom, and cut bee trees.

Tuesday—5th
Finished walling the well.

Thursday—7th
Preparing to tramp out wheat.

Friday—8th
Breaking prairie for garden near house.

Tuesday—12th
Cousin Samuel Simms came to see us.

Wednesday—13th: November, 1833
Very cold. Went hunting.

Friday—15th
Went to Jacksonville accompanied by Cousin Samuel.

Saturday—16th
At Jacksonville. Dined at Cousin Louise's. Went out to the Diamond Grove.

Sunday—17th
Went into Jacksonville, and heard Rev. Mr. Beecher preach an excellent sermon. In the P. M. the Church held a Prayer Meeting, and another was also held at Mr. Ayers at candle light. I spent the day with Mr. Ayers.

Monday—18th
Dined with Dr. Reed. P. M. went out to the grove. Air cool and dry.

Tuesday—19th
Came home after night.

Saturday—23rd
Appearances of bad weather. Putting up wheat.

Monday—25th
Ground covered with snow. Hauling wood.

Tuesday—26th
Purchased hogs of Morgan.

Wednesday—27th
Purchased shoats of Dr. Chandler, and got most of them home. Helped Mr. Bonny raise his log cabin.

Thursday—28th
Hauling rails.

Saturday—30th
Hauling hay. Beautiful weather.

December—1833: Monday—2nd
Went to Street's, and got my heifer home.

Tuesday—3rd
Hauling stock corn. Mr. L. C. Johnson, being very sick, and in a helpless condition, I went to attend him and administer such comfort as in my power.

Wednesday—4th
Mr. Johnson departed this life about 9 A. M. The neighbors most conveniently assisted me in making preparations for the burial.

Thursday—5th
Attended the funeral of Mr. Johnson.

Friday—6th
Assisted Mr. Plaster to kill hogs. Warm.

Saturday—7th
Went to Beardstown. Met with Cousin Samuel Simms, who came home with me.

Monday—9th
Helped move a house for Mr. Hicks, who has lately come into this neighborhood, and intends working at his trade, being a blacksmith. Lewis is hunting wild hogs.

Thursday—12th
Great white frost. Lewis came home after dark, and has not yet seen the hogs, but thinks he has found their range. Went down to Mr. Carr's, and purchased a horse. Gave my note for $60.00, to be paid Nov. 1st, 1834.

December, 1833: Monday—16th
Went to Crawford's sale.

Thursday—19th
Lewis at work on the roads for himself. Cleaning out wheat.

Monday—23rd
Rainy. At work on the kitchen.

Wednesday—25th
Christmas. Very clear and cold wind. Lewis went hunting.

Thursday—26th
Went to Jacksonville on business. Put up at Maj. Simms.'

Friday—27th
At Jacksonville settling up business for the year.

Saturday—28th
Came home.

Monday—30th
Warm and pleasant for the season. Daubed the kitchen.

January—1834. On the farm. Sangamon bottom.

Wednesday—1st
Went to Beardstown with a load of wheat. Cold. It commenced snowing about noon.

Thursday—2nd
Finished my business in Beardstown, and came home.

Saturday—4th
Clear and cold. Weather is severe. Hauled wood.

Monday—6th
Hauled wood preparatory to killing hogs.

Tuesday—7th
Killed hogs. Evening. Salted my pork.

Wednesday—8th
Hauled corn. Lewis sat off hunting for wild hogs.

Thursday—9th
Hauling corn. John Miller sat in to work for me at $7.00 per month, to be paid out of the store. John Hicks and Tom Willard worked for me today. His father has agreed to let him work for me for $7.00 per month.

Friday—10th
Hauled wood. Sleeting.

Saturday—11th
Lewis returned from his hunting trip, but did not accomplish anything.

Monday—13th: January, 1834
Went to the bottom and prepared to make rails.

Tuesday—14th
Hauled a load of straw to Lewis's camp, which he is making to stay in, to make rails in the bottom.

Wednesday—15th
Mr. Carr's horse sick with worms or colic. Gave him medicine. Lewis worked at the rail timber. Moderate.

Thursday—16th
Lewis finished making his camp, and moved in. Hauling wood.

Friday—17th
Birthday—37 years old. After breakfast I rode to the bottom, but behold—the camp that was yesterday made and finished has fallen down in the past night, and poor Lewis covered up under the tremendous load (being built of poles, and covered with straw and much dirt), a lifeless corpse. Awful was the spectacle. Yesterday I had left him in good health and spirits, and today he is in eternity. Surely in the midst of life we are in death. Hastened back to my family and communicated the sad event. Having gathered a few individuals together, I went back to the fatal spot, and with their assistance extracted the remains of the body. Poor Lewis. On examination of the appearance of the body, its position, it appeared satisfactorily plain that he died soon after he had lain down to sleep, and that either he was killed by the fall of the roof, or else he was pressed to death by the weight that laid on him. Removed the corpse to my house, and laid it out. We are all sad at this awful dispensation of the Divine Providence.

Saturday—18th: January, 1834
Got plank of Mr. Meyers, (40 feet), and Dr. Chandler and I made the coffin, assisted by the neighbors, which occupied most of the day.

Sunday—19th
Attended the burial of Lewis Spice. Rev. Robert Leeper performed the funeral rites at my house, after which he was removed not far from here, a place (situated as a burial ground) where he was decently buried. He was an excellent work hand, and a good hunter, but a man who could not read nor had and desire to learn. He never made any profession or pretension of religion.

Wednesday—22nd
Hauled wood. There is about enough snow to make good sledding.

Friday—24th
Went out to Wm. Holmes.'

Friday—31st
Snowing a little, but moderate weather.

February—1834
Monday — 3rd
Eliza went to Mr. Hick's to spend the day. Mr. John Hicks is an emigrant, who came in last fall. He is an excellent smith and has settled to follow his trade. I got my horses shod today.

Tuesday—4th
Went to Jacksonville. Carried corn to Bibb's Mill, it being on my route. Found all our friends well in Jacksonville.

Wednesday—5th
Slept at Mr. Ayers' last night. Breakfasted with Mr. Prosser. Costs, to the amount of $12.00, has been sent here for me to pay by Clerk of the United States Court of Indiana, relating to the uphill business, I mean, recovering my slaves in 1830. This sum I agreed to pay March 20, next.

Thursday—6th
Came part way home, the travelling being very muddy, and stopped at Mr. Cooper's.

Friday—7th
Came home to breakfast. Extending my chimney to make it carry smoke better.

Saturday—8th
Hauled wood. Commenced making temporary fence around the house. Willard Hicks worked today.

Sunday—19th
Prayer Meeting held at my house. It was a good meeting.

Tuesday—11th
Finished making fence around house.

February, 1834: Wednesday—12th
Helped Lemon Plaster raise his stable.

Thursday—13th
Lemon Plaster helped me gather most of my corn. Willard Hicks worked today.

Friday—14th
Hung up part of my meat that I bought of Kennedy—239 pounds.

Saturday—15th
Put up some fence that blew down last night. Finished gathering my corn.

Sunday—16th
Sat off for Meeting held at Mr. Leeper's, and Eliza accompanied me. On our way one of the horses took fright and broke away from the Dearborn. Fortunately it was old, and prevented serious trouble. Having followed and recovered the horse we proceeded on, but were late to the meeting.

Tuesday—18th
Made a lot preparatory to spraying hogs. Set out turnips for seed.

Wednesday—19th
Burnt the prairie in order to have early feed.

Thursday—20th
Warm and beautiful day. Spraying the hogs.

February, 1834: Friday—21st
Making windlass for my well, which is slowly rising.

Saturday—22nd
Cleaning up the yard about the house.

Sunday—23rd
Social Prayer Meeting was held at my house.

Tuesday—25th
Met with a few neighbors, by request, to settle a dispute between Carr and Cooper.

Thursday—27th
Commenced cutting corn stalks.

Friday—28th
Cold. High wind. Overhauled the remaining stacks of wheat, which have sprouted. Restacked the good wheat.

March, 1834: Saturday—1st
Hung up my meat, to-wit: 12 shoulders, 12 hams, and 12 middlings, weighed in all 766 pounds.

Monday—3rd
Made a tongue to my Dearborn, assisted by Mr. Plaster.

Tuesday—4th
Went to Beardstown accompanied by the Plasters.

Monday—10th
John Hicks' son sat in to work for me for $8.00 per month.

Thursday—13th
Getting out wheat.

Sunday—16th
Attended Social Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingalls.

Monday—17th
Went to Jacksonville accompanied by Eliza and most of the children.

Tuesday—18th
At Maj. Simms.

March, 1834: Wednesday—19th
Came to Jacksonville, and put up at Mr. Prosser's.

Friday—21st
Came home by dusk.

Monday—23rd
Cold for the season. Treading out wheat.

Thursday—27th
The Sangamon River is out of its banks. Went to Dunwoody Mill. Stopped at Mr. Marshall's.

Friday—28th
Warm. I am detained at the mill in consequence of the mill dam repairing not being finished.

Saturday—29th
Some rain fell last night. I stayed with Mr. David Herburg, near the mill. Got the meal and went home. Sat out locust trees and shrubbery around the house.

April, 1834: Wednesday—2nd
Cleaning up wheat.

Saturday—5th
Got out some oats for seed. Delightful day.

Sunday—6th
Attended Meeting at Mr. Bonny's. Grass is up enough now for the cows to live on.

Tuesday—8th
Sowed and plowed in oats which I finished today—quantity sowed, 6 bushels on 3 acres of ground. Warm.

Wednesday—9th
Went to Beardstown with a load of wheat which I sold to Wilbour.

Thursday—10th
Returned from Beardstown.

Friday—11th
Cleaning off and plowing the garden.

Monday—14th
Commenced cleaning off corn ground, raking and burning stalks.

April, 1834: Tuesday—15th
Sowed English peas, beets, and beans. Planted a few potatoes.

Wednesday—16th
Returned home with 3 sheep and 9 lambs.

Friday—17th
Plowing for corn. Attended Company Muster.

Monday—21st
Plowing for corn, two plows going.

Thursday—24th
Attended Battalion Muster held in Beardstown. Cool and rainy.

Sunday—27th
Cousin Chatham Simms came to see us.

Tuesday—29th
Fore part of the day went with Mr. Simms fishing.

Wednesday—30th
Harrowing new ground.

May, 1834: Thursday—1st
At Major Simms'. Came in to Jacksonville. At Dr. Prosser's.

Friday—2nd
Came home via Bibb's Mill.

Saturday—3rd
Commenced planting corn.

Tuesday—6th
Laying off corn rows. Cool for the season.

Wednesday—7th
Cut for corn the long way.

Thursday—8th
Planting corn in the second cut.

Friday—9th
Finished planting corn.

Saturday—10th
Went to the saw mill and got a load of planks and slabs.

May, 1834: Monday—12th
Making bee gums. Willard spent the day in hunting the oxen, but could not find them.

Tuesday—13th
Went in pursuit of the oxen which I found directly.

Thursday—15th
Considerable frost this morning. Cool for season. Breaking the prairie.

Saturday—17th
Willard sick, and unable to work.

Monday—26th
Replanting corn. Mr. Wheelock worked a day with me for 50c.

Tuesday—27th
Warm and showery. Went to Jacksonville, but on account of the rain, I only went to Mr. Marshall's.

Wednesday—28th
Came to Jacksonville via Bibb's Mill.

Thursday—29th
At Maj. Simms. Came home accompanied by Cousin Louise and the children.

June, 1834: Monday—2nd
Dr. Prosser's and Cousin Louise returned home. Cousin Chatham came in pursuit of one of their horses.

Wednesday—4th
Cousin Chatham, not finding his horse in the neighborhood, returned home.

Monday—9th
Breaking prairie. John Leeper's son John is driving for me.

Saturday—14th
Finished breaking prairie.

June, 1834: Monday—16th
Commenced plowing over my corn.

Tuesday—17th to Saturday—21st
Plowing over my corn.

Monday—23rd
Putting out cabbage plants.

Wednesday—25th
Hauling timber. Finished in the evening.

Saturday—28th
Hunting hogs. Clear and cool.

Monday—30th
Harvesting has just started.

July, 1834: Thursday—3rd
Helping Mr. Plaster about his work for half a day.

Friday—4th
Independence Day. At work in helping Mr. Prosser in the harvest.

Monday—7th
Commenced my harvest, but finding the wheat very indifferent, I concluded it best to discontinue harvesting any longer than this day. It is a good pasture for my hogs, and I think I will realize as much money. Very hot.

Tuesday—8th
Plowing corn.

Saturday—12th
Most of the farmers are through harvesting.

Monday—14th
Commenced cutting my oats.

Thursday—17th
Hauling in wheat. Mr. Scott worked with me.

July, 1834: Friday—18th
Binding and cutting oats.

Tuesday—22nd
Getting up hogs.

Wednesday—23rd
In search of hogs. Corn is in want of rain.

Friday—25th
At work short periods on the chimney. It is too hot to work much.

Tuesday—29th
Preparing to go to Beardstown.

Wednesday—30th
Made a start with the horses and a load of wheat, but in consequence of the horses not pulling together, I am stopped.

Thursday—31st
Went to Beardstown very early. Sold a yoke of oxen for $45.00 to Oscar Reed, payable in 4 months. Returned home. Warm.

August, 1834: Saturday—2nd
Went to Jacksonville via Squire Crows. I left a note to be collected on Duise for $3.18¾.

Sunday—3rd
At Dr. Prosser's. Attended Meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Dined with Mr. Ayers. After Meeting went out to the grove.

Monday—4th
Election of the County and State Officers.

Tuesday—5th
Returned home.

Wednesday—6th
Getting up hogs over at Dr. Chandler's.

Saturday—9th
Went to Beardstown with watermelons. Did well.

Tuesday—12th
Finished kitchen chimney. Very warm today.

August, 1834: Wednesday—13th
Whitewashed the house.

Monday—18th
Began to cut hay.

Tuesday—19th
Went to Beardstown, and sold watermelons. Cutting hay.

Thursday—21st
Putting up hay. I have only 3 acres cut as yet. The hands thought the price per acre, 75c, was too little, so they quit.

Saturday—23rd
Went to Cumberland Presbyterian Camp Meeting held near at Mr. Thompson's.

Sunday—24th
Attended Camp Meeting and returned home at a late hour.

Tuesday—26th
Went into the bottom accompanied by Lemon Plaster, and hunted out timber for repairing wagon.

Saturday—30th
Sister Harriet is with us for the day.

Thursday—4th: September, 1834
Helped George Bonny with his house.

Friday—5th
Hauling out pumpkins and fed them to the hogs.

Saturday—6th
Went to Beardstown with a load of wheat for Plasters, 44.33 at 50c, $22.15.

Thursday—11th
Considerable frost, which has killed all the vines and fodder. Mr. Plaster helped cut up corn.

Saturday—13th
Cleaned out well. Hauled pumpkins.

Thursday—14th
Showers. Hauling and stacking corn. Franklin Steward and George Bonny helped.

Wednesday—15th to Tuesday—23rd
September — 1834
Hauling corn.

Thursday—25th
Cutting hay. Cold morning.

Sunday—28th
Attended Meeting. Mr. Briddlecome preached at Sq. Bonny's.

October, 1834: Wednesday—1st
Working on my stable.

Thursday—2nd
Treading out wheat assisted by Plaster with 4 horses. Cool.

Friday—3rd
Cleaning up wheat. Measured 37 bushels.

Saturday—4th
Hunting stock. Paid George Bonny in wheat.

Monday—6th
Hauling rails.

Tuesday—7th
Commenced seeding corn.

Wednesday—8th
Seeding wheat.

Monday—13th
Hauling hay.

Thursday—16th: October, 1834
Hauling corn and making preparations to go to Jacksonville. In the afternoon I went to Jacksonville where I arrived a little after night, and put up at Dr. Prosser's.

Friday—17th
Went out to the grove and stayed at Maj. Simms'.

Saturday—18th
Came home.

Monday—20th
Preparing to put up my killing hogs. Making lot, etc.

Wednesday—22nd
George Bonny helped me half a day hauling my corn.

Saturday—25th
Mild and warm. George Bonny has cut and put up 2 acres of hay, which I am to pay $1.00 per acre. He also lent me 37½c to pay Ingalls.

Sunday—26th
Attended Meeting at Squire Bonny's. Cold and windy.

Wednesday—29th
Pulling corn ½ day. Hauled some rails and moved boards.

Friday—31st
Pulling corn. Warm and beautiful weather.

November, 1834: Saturday—1st
Finished seeding wheat.

Monday—3rd to Saturday—8th
Gathering corn. Went to Beardstown.

Monday—10th to Tuesday—11th
Went to the bottom and got rafters to make a new roof to the dwelling house. Cousin D. G. Moxley of the state of Virginia came to see us.

Wednesday—12th
Cousin Moxley with us. From him we learn of the death of brother, W. H. Winter of Alabama, cousin Ewill, and of Aunt Lucy Bastable of Virginia. Beautiful weather.

Thursday—13th
Cousin Moxley left us for the present. He has gone to see more of the country. Helped Mr. Plaster raise his corn crib.

Friday—14th: November, 1834
Eliza sick. I pulled corn in the P. M.

Tuesday—18th
Gathering corn. Damp and disagreeable weather.

Thursday—20th
Eliza and myself went to Beardstown. George Bonny worked on my rafters for 75c.

Friday—21st
Went to the bottom and cut poles to raise my stable.

Wednesday—26th
Repairing dwelling house. Got up the rafters and sheeting today.

Thursday—27th
Shingling house.

Friday—28th
Very rainy. Finished one side of my house, and closed up the gable ends. This rain has caught us in a poor predicament. It has been difficult to keep my family dry.

Sunday—30th
Considerable eclipse of the sun at noon.

December, 1834: Monday—1st
Hauling wood preparatory to killing hogs. Geo. Bonny assisted me at 50c. Aaron and Amos worked on the house, each at 50c.

Tuesday—2nd
Commenced killing hogs. Squire Bonny, Amos B., George B., Lemon Plaster, John Pierson with me, each at 50c, and Ellin Pierson, D. Ingalls and Wm. Bonny with me for 25c.

Wednesday—3rd
Killing hogs.

Friday—5th
Up early, and went to Beardstown with a load of pork. Very wet and disagreeable weather.

Sunday—7th
Laid up with a bad rising on my hand.

Tuesday—9th
Very cold. Drove my calves home from the other side of Panther Creek.

Friday—12th
Cut up hogs. My hands are still lame from the rising.

Saturday—13th: December, 1834
Salted my meat. Put up 46 hams with plenty of salt, and red pepper. Also 46 shoulders. The hams average 12 pounds each.

Tuesday—16th to Friday—19th
Pulling corn. Good weather.

Saturday—20th
Collected my men together, and raised my stable.

Monday—22nd
Topped out house chimney, and went to saw mill. Bought 602 feet of plank.

Thursday—25th
Christmas. Worked on stable. Buford Edgar set in at $4.00 per month.

Saturday—27th
George Bonny, and Aaron Bonny helped me cut down timber in the bottom. Moderate weather.

Sunday—28th
Snow storm. Stayed at home.

Wednesday—31st
George Bonny helped me frame rafters to stable at 75c per day. Sold him my set of planes for $3.75.

January, 1835: On the Farm.
Thursday—1st
At work on the stable. Beautiful day.

Friday—2nd
Cold and clear. Pulling corn.

Sunday—4th
Heard Rev. Mr. Plaster preached at Mr. Reavise's.

Monday—5th
Went to Beardstown. Severely cold.

Wednesday—7th
Pulling corn. All the water conveys are very hard frozen.

Friday—9th
Finished hauling corn.

Saturday—10th
Went to Beardstown. Wrote to Davis Baker, St. Louis.

Sunday—11th to Tuesday—13th, Jan. 1835.
Confined to the house on account of sickness.

Wednesday—14th
Killed the remainder of the hogs.

Thursday—15th
Snowed today. Amos Bonny assisted me in putting up pickled pork. He worked half a day. Salted away the hams and shoulders.

Friday—16th
Beautiful day. Went to the bottom and got a load of wood. P. M. Hauling chips out of stable.

Saturday—17th
Birthday. 38 years old.

Monday—19th
Shucking out rick of corn.

Tuesday—20th
My steer, Lamb, died last night. He has been sick for 4 days.

Wednesday—21st
Thomas Vaughan set in to work for me for $10.00 per month. He has agreed to work for me for two months. Commenced making rails.

Saturday—24th
Cloudy. Went to the bottom, and commenced work, but it set in to rain so we returned home, and worked indoors. Buford Edgar's time is up today.

Wednesday—28th
Hauled rails, and wood. Finished lot around the stable.

Thursday—29th
Making rails in the bottom, but as it started to snow we returned home.

Friday—30th
Ground covered with snow. Hauled out rails on sled, and also a good load of Mulberry stakes.

Saturday—31st
Sat off for Beardstown with a horse and sled, but could not get there on account of the partial freeze of a run in my way. Hauled wood. Thomas Vaughan went home about 3 P. M.

February, 1835: Monday—2nd
Went to Beardstown. Cold and severe weather.

Tuesday—3rd
It has been so cold today that Vaughan has concluded to quit work today.

Thursday—5th
Put up sheep house. Cold. These last two days have been the severest which has been experienced since the winter of the big snow.

Sunday—8th
Remained at home. The weather has moderated some.

Monday—9th
Hauled wood.

Wednesday—11th
Chopping rails, timber. The snow is thawing a little.

Saturday—14th: February, 1835
Thomas sharpened stakes ½ day and went home. I went on to Panther Creek and hauled stakes, which George Bonny has made for me.

Tuesday—17th
Went to the creek and brought over the ice, my mulberry stakes, which I have been hauling a day or two.

Thursday—19th
Beautiful day. Went with my team, with some of the neighbors, and hauled timber for a bridge to be built at Panther Creek.

Friday—20th
Went to Beardstown. Received a letter from Cousin Moxley.

Saturday—21st
Very warm. Some rain fell last night. It has become quite muddy, and is bad travelling on account of the great thaw.

Tuesday—24th
Thomas went to the bottom and made stakes. I went to Isaac Plaster's, and got my shoes half soled.

Thursday—26th
Thomas could not work for the cold. High wind from N.W.

Friday—27th
Mr. Thomas Plaster's infant child having died this morning, I went to assist the neighbors in burying it. Very cold.

Saturday—28th
Very cold. Thomas laid by today. High wind.

March — 1835
Monday—2nd to Saturday—7th
Making rails. Warm and beautiful weather.

Monday—9th
Squalls of snow. Cold and damp. Hauled wood. Cousin Simms came to visit us.

Tuesday—10th to Friday—13th
Making rails. Cousin Simms with us.

Saturday—14th
Rainy at intervals. Thomas absent today. Hung up some of my meat.

Sunday—15th
Remained at home.

Monday—16th to Tuesday—17th
Cold. Made rails in the bottom.

Wednesday—18th
Sawed caps. Damp. Cousin Simms left us.

Thursday—19th: March, 1835
Very warm. Making rails.

Friday—20th
Finished rails. Hauled rails.

Saturday—21st
Went to Beardstown at 10 A. M. A tremendous snow set in.

Sunday—22nd
The ground is covered with snow. There has been about 6 inches which has fallen. Cousin B. D. G. Moxley came to see us.

Monday—23rd
Snow is melting fast. Went to Beardstown. Hauled wood. Paid Elisa Carr $55.00.

Wednesday—25th: March, 1835
Rainy. Sharpening stakes, and boring caps.

Friday—27th
Went to Beardstown. Wrote a letter to father, and handed it to Mr. Washburn, who is going to Augusta in a day or two. Thomas hauled rails.

Sunday—28th
Beautiful day. Stayed at home.

Monday—30th
Hauling rails. Running two horse wagon.

April — 1835
Wednesday—1st to Friday—3rd
Hauling rails. Warm.

Saturday—4th
High wind at N.W., and cold for the season. This will check the growth of the grass. Wheat is generally winter killed. Finished hauling rails.

Sunday—5th
Remained at home.

Monday—6th
Surveying and squaring lot about the house.

Tuesday—7th
Brought home the wheat fan, and got out oats. George Bonny with me at 50c.

Wednesday—8th
Cleaning up oats.

Thursday—9th
At work on my harrow. George Bonny with me.

Friday—10th
Finished my harrow. Commenced raking stalks for the purpose of sowing oats.

Saturday—11th: April, 1835
Went to Beardstown.

Tuesday—14th
Raking stalks. Rented of William Scott about 4 acres of ground for oats. I will pay with one-third of the shocks in the field.

Wednesday—15th
Commenced sowing oats. Warm.

Saturday—18th
Finished sowing in oats. Went to the saw mill and got plank.

Sunday—19th
Warm, and growing weather. However, this Spring is backward.

Monday—20th
Commenced making fence around garden.

Tuesday—21st: April, 1835
Broke a little prairie around garden, and in garden. Making fence about garden.

Friday—24th
Settled with George Bonny, and there is a balance due him of $1.90.

Saturday—25th
Went to Beardstown, and hired a German at $12.00 per month. Cold for the season, which is very backward.

Sunday—26th
Started a Sabbath School, and Prayer Meeting in the neighborhood.

Monday—27th
Finished the garden fence, and plowed the garden.

Tuesday—28th
Commenced making fence around corn field, being 5½ acres of W. entry.

Thursday—30th
Making fence. Good weather. Went to wagoner's, and got corn.

May, 1835: Friday—1st
Hauled stakes part of the day. Making fence. Three days past, and the German has bored 143 holes for the fence on the east side.

Sunday—3rd
Attended Sabbath School, and Prayer Meeting at Sq. Bonny's.

Monday—4th
Commenced plowing for corn. Running two plows. George Bonny is with me.

Thursday—7th
Rainy. The German bored 250 caps.

Saturday—9th
Making fence. Put up 100 panels. Plowing for corn.

Sunday—10th
Attended Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingall's. Cool.

Monday—11th
Rainy. Shelling corn. Plowed ½ day.

Wednesdaya—13th: May, 1835
Commenced harrowing the corn ground. But the rain prevented from doing much. Plowing for corn. Sharpening stakes. Chas. Reavis is with me.

Friday—15th
Laying off for corn.

Saturday—16th
Finished laying off for corn. Went to the saw mill with team and wagon, and got plank.

Monday—18th
Finished furrowing out the corn one way of the ship. Commenced crossing it.

Thursday—21
Finished planting corn, 13 acres. Warm and sultry.

Saturday—23rd
Finished furrowing out before breakfast. Commenced planting corn in the north cut.

Sunday—24th: May, 1835
Attended Sunday School and Prayer Meeting.

Tuesday—26th
Finished planting corn in the north cut, which in all makes 27 acres. Set out cabbage plants and turnips. I paid off my German—Sebastian.

Wednesday—27th
Went to Beardstown.

Thursday—28th
My corn in the south cut is coming up finely. Raked stalks in part of ground sowed in wheat last fall, it having been killed by the severity of the winter.

Saturday—30th
Planted the wheat ground. Very warm.

Sunday—31st
Lemon Plaster, being quite sick I had to go to Beardstown with Thomas Plaster and his mother, with Dearborn. Found him better. Children went to Sabbath School.

June, 1835: Monday—1st
Went to the saw mill, and hauled home slabs and planks. Warm.

Tuesday—2nd
Preparing to break prairie. David Baker from St. Louis came up and paid me the amount of the payment due the 23rd. He returned to Beardstown. I went to the saw mill, and paid Robert Lee $25.00 on account.

Wednesday—3rd
Commenced breaking the prairie with a yoke of oxen, and Henry as a driver. The Sangamon River is at this time out of its banks. Wet season.

Thursday—4th to Saturday—6th
Breaking prairie. Went to the shop, and had my plows sharpened.

Sunday—7th
Attended Sunday School and Prayer Meeting.

Monday—8th
Breaking prairie. Very warm day. The Sangamon River is still rising.

Tuesday—9th to Wednesday—10th
Breaking prairie. Replanting corn much of which is missing.

Thursday—11th: June, 1835
The Sangamon is still high. Went to the shop, and had my plows sharpened. Replanting corn.

Tuesday—16th
Eliza and myself went to Beardstown. The cholera is raging there to some extent.

Thursday—18th
Attended Methodist Meeting at Sq. Bonny's. Received 10 copies of the Genises Forum from New York. From what I have seen of it, I think I shall be pleased with the paper.

Friday—19th
Setting stakes around pasture lot. Benjamin Carpenter worked for me today. Very cool.

Saturday—20th
Making fence.

Sunday—21st: June, 1835
Attended Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Very cool for the season.

Monday—22nd
Good weather. Commenced to plow corn. Benjamin Carpenter at work for me.

Thursday—25th
Mr. Baldwin, father-in-law to Carpenter, started to work for me, but the rain prevented his plowing longer than ½ day.

Friday—26th to Saturday—27th
Plowing corn. Finished plowing the first time over.

Sunday—28th
Quite a cool morning. The river is still out of its banks. Attended Sunday School and Prayer Meeting.

Monday—29th
Hauled rails to finish fence around cornfield.

Tuesday—30th
Plowing corn.

July, 1835: Thursday—2nd
Plowing for corn. Scott took my horse, Ball, to drive to New Lexington.* News came to me about 12 o'clock that my horse was taken sick on the road, and unable to travel home. Went and attended my horse. Found him quite ill.

Friday—3rd
Good weather. Attending to my horse.

Saturday—4th
The medicine I gave my horse did not do him any good. Gave him castor oil. Owing to a shower of rain I was obliged to go home. This is Independence Day.

Sunday—5th
Very warm. Went to my horse, which I found better, and able to come home.

Thursday—7th
Went to Beardstown with my bacon and hams.

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*New Lexington, Morgan Co., Ill.

Wednesday—8th to Friday—10th
Taken quite sick. Henry is also sick. Considerable sickness prevails in the neighborhood.

Saturday—11th
Some better.

Sunday—12th
At home all day.

Monday—13th: July, 1835
Eliza taken sick. She was delivered of a daughter about 11 A. M.

Wednesday—15th
Eliza quite comfortable.

Thursday—16th
Went up to Mr. Chandler's, and borrowed his wagon. Warm.

Friday—17th
Went to Jacksonville. Found all our friends well.

Saturday—18th
At Maj. Simms. Finished my business. I came home by dusk. Eliza gaining strength daily.

Monday—20th
Returned Mr. Chandler's wagon.

Tuesday—21st: July, 1835
Put on some of the riders around the cornfield fence.

Thursday—23rd
Very hot and sultry. Not well.

Sunday—26th
At home. Eliza's birthday. 40 years old. (1795-1835.)

Monday—27th to Wednesday—29th
Hot and dry. 29th Elizabeth's birthday. 6 years old.

Friday—31st
Very cool. A considerable change in weather. At work a little on my stable.

August, 1835: Saturday—1st
Cool and dry. At work on the stable.

Sunday—2nd
Attended Meeting at Squire Bonny's.

Monday—3rd
Went to the election of officers for County and District held at Mr. Lewis's, Punchan's Camp Grove.

Wednesday—5th
At work on stable part of the day. Went into the bottom with some of the neighbors to look for good timber lot for the purpose of entry. Very warm.

Thursday—6th
In consequence of the fatigue of yesterday, I am not so well today.

Friday—7th
Sat off for Springfield accompanied by my neighbors, Lemon and Thomas Plaster. Went via Thomas Watkin's, Sangamon County, where we borrowed $235.00, $100.00 for myself for the payment of which I gave my note for 3 months at 12 per cent. This money I can have longer, if I should not be ready. The balance Thomas and Lemon took for 6 months, at the same rate per cent, and we each went secruity for one another. Passed on by the way of Sangamon Town, and stopped within 3 miles of Springfield.

Saturday—8th
Went into Springfield after breakfast. Very warm. Went to the land office, and entered the East ½ of the N. W. ¼ Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, containing 78.94 acres at $1.25 per acre, amounting to $98.65. Also the S. W. ¼ of the S. E. ¼ of Section 1, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, containing 40 acres for $50.00. This land contains fine wood. Also the S. E. ¼ of the N. E. ¼, Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, for $49.56, containing 39.55 acres. Sat off for home, and put up at Mr. Ellmon's, in Richland.

Sunday—9th
After breakfast came on home, and found all well.

Monday—10th to Saturday—15th
Dry and hot. Worked on the stable.

Sunday—16th: August, 1835
Remained at home.

Monday—17th
Remarkably hot day. After sunset we had a terrible storm of wind and rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The rain drove in our little cabin in every direction, which renders our situation very uncomfortable.

Tuesday—18th
The storm which raved last night has done considerable damage to the corn crop, as it has blown down. Repairing fence, and working on stable.

Wednesday—19th
Went to Beardstown, and returned home.

Thursday—20th to Saturday—22nd
At work on stable. Commenced feeding my horse on green corn. Chatham is much better. It is quite sickly in this country.

Tuesday—25th: August, 1835
Went to Ralph Elkin's, and got my shingles.

Wednesday—26th
Repairing my ditch fence around the corn land. Eve. jointing shingles, one bunch containing 400, averaging 4 inches.

Thursday—27th
Rinished rof of dwelling house.

Saturday—29th
Repairing fence about corn field. My hogs have gotten into the corn, and have done much damage.

September, 1835: Tuesday—1st
Had slight chill today. Took medicine.

Wednesday—2nd
Commenced shingling. Good weather.

Saturday—5th
Thomas Plaster's youngest child died.

Sunday—6th
Attended the funeral of Mr. Plaster's child. Assisted in digging the grave.

Monday—7th
Very warm. Commenced cutting hay.

Wednesday—9th
At work on stable. Putting up hay in the evening.

Thursday—10th
Louis Bryant cutting hay. He has cut enough to balance his account.

Friday—11th
Went to Beardstown. Geo. Bonny cut hay enough to balance all except what is due him in mulberry stakes, or 105 stakes.

Sunday—13th
Attended Meeting at Mr. Reavis'. Old Mr. Plaster preached.

Monday—14th: September, 1835
Attended Regimental Muster at C. Scott's.

Tuesday—15th
David Marshall cutting grass. Good weather.

Wednesday—16th
Hauled hay part of the day. Lemon Plaster assisted me.

Thursday—17th to Tuesday—22nd
Rainy and cooler.

Wednesday—23rd: September, 1835
Severe white frost which has destroyed the fodder.

Thursday—24th
Got up my cattle and returned the work I owed Lemon Plaster by hauling in his hay.

Friday—25th to Saturday—26th
Hauling in my own hay.

Tuesday—29th
Mr. Chatham and Mr. D. B. Ayers called on me. They are in search for land. I went with them.

October, 1835: Thursday—1st
Helping Mr. Plaster haul hay. High wind.

Friday—2nd
Putting up hay.

Sunday—4th
Cold for the season. Attended Meeting at Mr. Hicks'. Mr. Plaster preached.

Monday—5th
Hunting cattle without success.

Tuesday—6th to Saturday—10th
Hauling hay, which I finished today

Sunday—11th
Remained at home. Had a little chill.

Tuesday—13th: October, 1835
Very warm and dry. Quite sick. Under the influence of medicine.

Wednesday—14th
I find myself much better today.

Thursday—15th
Sat off for Springfield, but when I got as far as Ralph Elkin's, Panther Grove, I halted, as he was absent, and I must see him before I go to Springfield. He returned at night.

Friday—16th
Proceeded on. I came to Springfield by 2 P. M. Entered the Northerly part of the N. E. ¼ of Section 34, Township 19, Range 10. Timber on the Sangamon River. Put up at the tavern.

Saturday—17th
Having finished my business, I returned home after dark. On my way home I stopped at Ralph Elkin's, who made up part of the entrance money, and returned him the balance. After paying for 40 acres of the above mentioned tract, and as the whole tract is entered in my name, I am to give him my bond of conveyance to be good and valid until the mentioned land can be legally surveyed, when I am to give him a good and simple warrantee deed.

Sunday—18th
Remained at home.

Tuesday—20th
Making hog lot preparatory to putting up my hogs.

Wednesday—28th
Went over the river and looked me out another timber lot. Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Lemon Plaster went with me. I was pleased with the North part of the S. E. part of Quarter, Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 10 West, containing per plot 92 14/100 acres. Lemon Plaster has concluded to take the South part of same fractional quarter.

Thursday—29th
Sent a note by Lemon Plaster to Mr. Thomas Watkins* near Salem, Sangamon County for the loan of $116.00 payable in 6 months at 12 per cent.

Friday—30th
Lemon Plaster has returned from Springfield, and has accomplished the business satisfactorily. Consequently I am the owner of the North part of S. E. part Quarter Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 10 West, containing 92 14/100 acres, and besides I am debted to Mr. Thomas Watkins in the sum of $116.00, payable in 6 months, at 12 per cent.

November, 1835: Sunday—1st
Not well today. Remained at home.

Monday—2nd to Saturday—7th
Pulling corn these days. Warm and rainy.

Sunday—8th
Attended Meeting at Squire Bonny's. Rev. Mr. Springer, who is a Methodist Circuit Rider, and who is assigned to this circuit, preached. Cool.

Monday—9th to Saturday—14th
Pulling and hauling corn. Wind South.

Sunday—15th: November, 1835
Remained at home.

Tuesday—17th
Hauled dirt to fix my chimney.

Thursday—19th
Hauled wood.

Friday—20th
Hard rain through the past night. Cold and disagreeable, and uncomfortable in conse-

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*Better known as Indian Tom, half-breed.

quence of the crippled condition of our chimney.

Saturday—21st
Very cold and blustery. Pulled 6 rows of corn only. The cows need feed as in midwinter.

Sunday—22nd
Remained at home. Started snowing at noon.

Monday—23rd: November, 1835
About 3 inches of snow on the ground. Pulled and hauled in some corn.

Friday—27th
Hauled in some wood. It has thawed some today.

Saturday—28th to Monday—30th
Severe weather. Pulled and hauled corn.

December, 1835: Thursday—3rd
Very moderate. Went to Beardstown. It has thawed very much. The roads are quite muddy.

Friday—4th
Severe, cold day. Pulled and hauled in corn.

Sunday—6th
Started part of my fattened hogs to Beardstown.

Monday—7th
Got into Beardstown with hogs. Returned home.

Wednesday—9th
At Beardstown attending the slaughtering of my hogs. Very cold.

Thursday—10th
Attending to my hogs. Returned home.

Friday—11th to Saturday—19th Dec. 1835
Pulling and hauling corn, also wood. The last ten days have been favorable for gathering corn.

Sunday—20th
Remained at home.

Monday—21st
Went to the shop and had my horse shod.

Friday—25th
Christmas. Warm and damp.

Saturday—26th
Preparing to drive my hogs to Beardstown. Moderate weather.

Wednesday—30th
Went to Beardstown, and returned home. There is a general thaw.

January, 1836. Sangamon Bottom on farm.

Friday—1st
Killing hogs. Have put up seven for my own use. Weighed 1163 pounds.

Saturday—2nd
Assisted the Messrs. Plaster kill hogs. Exchanged work. Night, cut up and salted my pork.

Tuesday—5th
George Bonny came and worked on my grindstone. Muddy, but good weather.

Wednesday—6th
Lemon Plaster assisted me about my chimney.

Friday—8th to Sunday—10th
Cold and bad weather.

Monday—11th
Called on several of the neighbors relative to a school. Meeting of the neighbors is to be held at Mr. Thomas Plaster's at 2 P. M. Had 5 bushels of corn ground.

Tuesday—12th
Pulling corn, assisted by Lemon Plaster. Today the steamboat UTILITY passed up the Sangamon River, which is out of its banks at this time.

Wednesday—13th
Lemon Plaster helped me pull corn half a day. Attended the meeting of the neighbors at Mr. Thomas Plaster's. The meeting did not terminate in a favorable result as the neighbors are too divided on where to build the school house.

Thursday—14th: Jan. 1836
Finished pulling corn. Hauled wood in the P. M.

Saturday—16th
Ground still covered with snow. I went to Mr. W. Scott's to assist in raising a house.

Sunday—17th
Birthday. 39 years old. At home.

Monday—18th
Turned my stock into the corn stockfield.

Tuesday—19th
Making platform to the house. Moderate weather.

Thursday—21st: Jan. 1836
Hauled wood. Cold.

Sunday—24th to Thursday—28th
Very cold and severe weather. Some snow.

Friday—29th
Went to Beardstown.

February, 1836—Saturday—6th
Went to Beardstown. When I returned I found Cousin Simms at our house.

Sunday—7th
Cousin Samuel returned home. He paid me $30.00 on account—of rent paid by W. W. Happy up till last November, 1835.

Monday—8th
Overhauled my pickled pork.

Saturday—13th
Ground covered with snow. Went and hauled home wheat from the Morgan place, and hauled wood.

Tuesday—16th: Feb. 1836
Went to Beardstown with pickled pork, and part way back. Muddy.

Wednesday—17th
Came home to breakfast. Cold, and the ground is hard and frozen.

Thursday—25th
Very cold, and still freezing. The Sangamon River is still out of its banks. Night—snowing.

Saturday—27th
Very cold, with high wind. We were aroused last night about 2 o'clock with fire that had broken out of the lower part of our wooden chimney. After some considerable fatigue we extinguished the fire.

March—1836: Thrusday—3rd
Beautiful day. Rode to Watkin's Mill, and purchased 35 or 40 bushels of corn meal at 31½c per bushel.

Saturday—5th
Much colder. Commenced feeding out my last stacks of hay.

Sunday—6th
Eliza and the family accompanied me to a Meeting at Squire Bonny's.

Monday—7th
Went with ox team and wagon to Watkin's Mill, accompanied by Lemon Plaster, on Claries Creek.

Tuesday—8th
At Watkin's Mill. Having obtained about 41 bushels of corn, and 100 pounds of flour sat off for home, where I arrived by night. Mrs. Ingalls, and daughter are with us.

Wednesday—9th
Mrs. Ingalls and daughter returned home.

Thursday—10th to Sunday—13th
Very cold and blustery.

Tuesday—15th: March, 1836
Put up hogs to fatten. Hung up my meat to smoke.

Tuesday—22nd
Sold Mr. Bonny "Dick and Ben" for $50.00, to pay 15 months.

Wednesday—23rd
Commenced cutting down stalks preparatory to planting corn. Bought a heifer, 2 years old, from Mr. Carr.

Thursday—24th: March, 1836
Getting timber, and commenced the frame to the hen house. George Bonny with me, at 75c per day.

Friday—25th to Saturday—26th
At work on frame of hen house.

Monday—27th
Cultivated ground. Beautiful day.

Wednesday—30th
Hauled wood. Cloudy and warm. The ground is settling very fast.

Thursday—31st
Went to the narrows (Clark's) accompanied by Lemon Plaster, and purchased two plows —payable the 15th of April, for $18.

April, 1836: Friday—1st
Good Friday. Finished outside of chimney.

Saturday—2nd
Cleaning up yard, and burning the trash. The river is falling rapidly.

Monday—4th
Sharpening stakes for fence. Mr. I. Marshall came here, and took up his note.

Thursday—7th
Went to Higgin's, Illinois Bluff, and bought a brood mare for $66.00.

Friday—8th
Breaking prairie, being ground in the corn field we broke last year.

Monday—11th
Brought home one load of corn from Horham for $1.00 per bushel.

Wednesday—13th: April, 1836
Hauled corn from Horham. Cool weather.

Monday—18th
Raking stalks, and then we plowed the garden.

Thursday—21st
Very high wind, and cold. Very considerable change in weather.

Friday—22nd
Commenced plowing for corn. Running two plows.

Monday—25th to Saturday—29th
Plowing for corn these days. Went to the Sangamon, and got a few hoop poles. Planted seed around the yard. Made bars and bar posts.

May, 1836: Monday, 2nd
Hauled wood. Sheared the sheep.

Tuesday—3rd
Commenced furrowing out corn ground.

Thursday—5th
Finished furrowing out the corn ground by 10 A. M. Began crossing and planting corn. Mr. Elkins, a renter of the West side of my North field, commenced planting corn.

Friday—6th and Saturday—7th
Planting corn, 15 acres of the ground.

Sunday—8th
Received a letter from the son of Mrs. A. G. Smith telling us of her determination to spend the summer with us and Mr. Simm's family.

Monday—9th
Finished planting corn in South part of South field. Warm through the day, and cool nights.

Tuesday—10th
Raking stalks on Northwest part of South field. There are 4½ acres of the N. E. part rented to Mr. Wm. Scott, Esq., at $2.00 per acre. Wrote letters to Mrs. A. G. Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. Simms of Jacksonville, per mail.

Thursday—12th
Finished marking off, and commenced listing corn. Daniel Scott is planting corn in my field.

Friday—13th: May, 1836
Listing, two plows running. Cool air, and fine day.

Tuesday—17th
Mrs. T. H. Smith of Cincinnati came to see us. She is a sister of Eliza.

Thursday—19th
Went to Beardstown. Rainy.

Wednesday—25th
Killed my two hogs I have had up so long. Weights, sow 207 pounds, barrow 283 pounds. Bought two of Mr. Thomas Plaster at the same time, 387 pounds at $4.00.

Thursday—26th: May, 1836
Salted away my pork, assisted by Sq. Bonny. Most of the farmers are busy now replanting corn, for the cut worms and birds have destroyed so much.

Friday—27th
Busy at home laying floor.

Saturday—28th
Eliza and I went to Beardstown, and did not get home until late. Some of my pork was injured. I repacked same.

Tuesday—31st
Replanting corn. Find my corn very much missing.

June — 1836:
Wednesday—1st to Saturday—4th
Replanting corn. Showery weather.

Monday—6th
Cousin Chatham with us.

Tuesday—7th
Cousin Chatham returned home, to return with a carriage to convey sister T. H. Smith and Eliza to Jacksonville. Replanting corn.

Thursday—9th
Eliza and sister went to Jacksonville. Very heavy shower of rain, and some sleet.

Snuday—12th
Remained at home.

Monday—13th
Went to Jersey prairie to see about meal. Finished breaking up rows of listed ground.

Tuesday—14th to Friday—17th
June — 1836
Planting corn, and hauling corn from Mr. Dick's.

Saturday—18th
Went to Jacksonville on horseback. Found Eliza and her friends well.

Sunday—19th
At Major Simms. P. M. Had our daughter, Mary Middleton, baptised by sprinkling, agreeable to the belief of our church, by Professor Sturdevant.

Monday—20th
Eliza and myself came home in Dr. Prosser's gig. We arrived about 5 P. M. All well.

Tuesday—21st
Went with oxen and part of wagon to Rickard's* home mill, and bought 6 bushels of corn meal. Pleasant weather.

Thursday—23rd: June, 1836
Plowed corn.

Friday—24th
Went to Beardstown to see a show of wild animals.

Saturday—25th
Went to Jacksonville.

Sunday—26th
At Maj. Simms. Attended Meeting at Episcopal Church.

Wednesday—29th and Thursday—30th
Plowing corn. Warm.

July — 1836
Friday—1st and Saturday—2nd
Plowing corn.

Wednesday—6th
Weeding out corn.

Sunday—10th
Remained at home. Clear.

Tuesday—12th
Finished plowing over longest cut of corn, which makes the third time.

Wednesday—13th
Chopping out weeds in South cut of corn.

Friday—15th: July, 1836
Plowing North cut of corn.

Monday—18th
Went to Beardstown. Very hot. Corn looks good.

Wednesday—20th to Saturday—23rd
Plowing corn. Sowed turnips.

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*Location Z. Hosh farm.

Sunday—24th
Attended Meeting at Sq. Bonny's. In the evening attended the Sabbath School, and Prayer Meeting at the school house, near Dr. Chandler's.

Thursday—26th
At work on the stable.

Wednesday—27th
At work on the house. Attended Prayer Meeting at our house.

Sunday—31st
Went to Camp Meeting held at Mr. Thompson's, South side North Prairie, by the Cumberland Presbyterians.

August, 1836: Monday—1st
Went to Jacksonville to the election of Congress, State and County officers. Warm and dry.

Tuesday—2nd
At Maj. Simms.' Having finished my business at Jacksonville, I returned home by dark.

Wednesday—3rd
Not very well. Worked part of the day on the house.

Thursday—4th
Lemon Plaster cut my oats that grew on the prairie that I broke early in the Spring. They have turned out very well. This, however, has been a good year for oats. Sister Taliaferro came here from Jacksonville, accompanied by Cousin Chatham.

Monday—8th
Cousin Chatham returned home. Damp weather.

Tuesday—9th
Mowed the weeds in the yard.

Wednesday—10th
Went to Beardstown. On my return I attended the interment of old Mr. Carr. Henry and Catherine started to school.

Friday—12th
Broke up my lot around the house, assisted by George Bonny and his yoke of oxen. It took about three-fourths of a day.

Saturday—13th: August, 1836
Excessively warm. At work on a flight of stairs.

Friday—19th
Went with a team to the Carding machine, and then bought 30 bushels of rye for the purpose of sowing in order to have some pasture. Came on my way home as far as Mr. Holmes.

Saturday—20th
Came home to breakfast. Very clear morning.

Sunday—21st
Went to Sunday School and Prayer Meeting.

Thursday—25th
At work on fence.

Monday—29th
Oren Hicks cut me some hay.

Tuesday—30th
Commenced sowing rye for pasture. Chatham Simms came here from Jacksonville.

Wednesday—31st
Chatham Simms returned home accompanied by Mrs. T. H. Smith.

September, 1836: Thursday—1st
Put up hay. Sowing rye. Cool.

Saturday—3rd
Went to Carding machine, and brought home rolls for the spinning wheel.

Monday—5th
Hauling in, and stacking my oats.

Wednesday—7th
Finished sowing rye. I have 29½ acres now, and some of it is up.

Saturday—10th
Hauled wood. It having cleared up, I sat off for Jacksonville, and got as far as Mr. Stevenson's, South side North Prairie at sunset. Cold.

Sunday—11th
Went forward, but the weather having such a threatening aspect, and it being so cold, I went home.

Monday—12th
Went to the Carr sale. Bought 50 head of sheep for $30.00, payable April 1, 1837.

Tuesday—13th: September, 1836
Went and assisted Capt. Dutch raise his cabin.

Wednesday—14th
Went to Beardstown. Warm.

Thursday—15th
My well having become nearly dry, I am under the necessity of hauling water from the spring.

Friday—16th
Overhauling my pickle pork.

Thursday—22nd
Cutting up corn. It sat in to rain most of the day.

Saturday—24th: September, 1836
Some little rain in the forepart of the day. Attended Regimental Muster at Virginia, a town lately laid out, and partly built up, in the North Prairie.

Sunday—25th
Eliza and myself went to Princetown to a Meeting. Rev. Mr. Bergen of Springfield preached.

Monday—26th to Thursday—29th
Cutting corn. Rode up to the bottom in search of some hands to cut grass. Returned as far as Squire Taylor's, and stopped for the night.

Friday—30th
Came home. Warm.

October, 1836: Wednesday—5th
Cutting grass myself, not being able to get help. Putting up hay.

Sunday—9th
Attended Meeting at Dr. Chandler's.

Tuesday—11th
Elkins and Martin have cut grass for me today.

Thursday—13th
Sat off with Henry to go to Springfield. Halted within 6 miles of Springfield at Gardner's.

Friday—14th
Went in to Springfield, and entered a fractional quarter in Sec. 35, T. 19 N. R. 10 W, situated over in Panther Bend. We came back by the way of Thomas Watkins, where we stopped.

Saturday—15th: October, 1836
Sat off for home and arrived by noon. Application having been made by several Professors of Religion of the Presbyterians, residing in the neighborhood, desiring to be associated in a Church in this neighborhood, the religion being granted and the order given by the Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Kimball was chosen to come down and act upon it. Whereupon, he came this evening and preached at Mr. Ingalls' at early candle light. Tomorrow the Church is to be organized.

Sunday—16th
Rev. Mr. Kimball preached at Dr. Chandler's dwelling house. After the forenoon service the Church was formed, letter being handed in by the respective individuals, and an elder was elected by the Church now formed. I was selected, and the duty required me to accept of, and try to fill this important offer. Afternoon service was held when my ordination was agreeably accepted to the rules of the Presbyterian Church, and this was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper. All was a solemn and highly interesting scene, and although the day was cold and blustery, yet a good number was present on this occasion. There will be about ten members to this Church after all the letters shall be presented. Preaching again by candle light.

Monday—17th
Cold and clear. Ground in some places frozen. This is remarkable weather for this season.

Saturday—22nd: October, 1836
Went to Beardstown. Received a letter from Father, apprizing me that my nephew, Major Dutch's son, Henry, is expected to come to Illinois for his health this summer.

Sunday—23rd
Attended Church Prayer Meeting at Dr. Chandler's.

Tuesday—25th
Went to Jacksonville with the intention of bringing back Mrs. T. H. Smith, but when I arrived there I found that Cousin Chatham has brought her to our house, and I missed them on the way as I came out of my way.

Thursday—27th
Attended Prayer Meeting at Dr. Chandler's house.

Monday—31st
Beautiful weather. Hauled wood.

November, 1836: Tuesday—1st
Went to Beardstown to ascertain about a steamboat for Mrs. Smith.

Thursday—3rd
Packing up Mrs. Smith's baggage preparatory to her returning home to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Friday—4th
Went to Beardstown with Mrs. Smith. Found a boat going to St. Louis, on which she took passage. The boat started about dusk. I returned home, and found my nephew, Henry Sewall Dutch, there from New England, and in quite bad health. He will remain with me for the present.

Saturday—5th
Hauled wood.

Monday—7th
Attended the election of electors for President held at Virginia, Illinois.

Tuesday—8th
Went and got a load of brick.

Saturday—12th
Hauled wood. Ground very wet.

Sunday—13th
Attended Prayer Meeting.

Monday—14th
Went to Jacksonville, accompanied by Marcus Hicks. Bad travelling. Wrote father.

Tuesday—15th: November, 1836
At Mr. Prosser's. After settling my business came home by dusk.

Wednesday—16th
Sangamon River is rising very fast. I went to hunt my hogs, but was unsuccessful.

Saturday—19th
Very rainy. Went to the bottom, accompanied by Thomas and Lemon Plaster, and found some of the hogs.

Monday—21st
Hauled wood. Worked on the stable.

Wednesday—23rd
Went up to the bottom as far as Lewis's. The ground froze quite hard last night, but has thawed some today. The inhabitants along the bottom are busy getting their stock in, which are liable to be lost by the high water.

Thursday—24th
Clear and very cold. Ground frozen. At work on my wagon bed.

Friday—25th
Put up my hogs to fatten. Hauled corn.

Wednesday—30th
Helped the neighbors make some preparations for repairing a log cabin on the land of Mr. Reavis to be used by my nephew, Henry S. Dutch as a school house the ensuing winter.

December, 1836: Thursday—1st
Went to the horse mill, but got no meal.

Friday—2nd
At work on the wagon bed. A large drove of hogs came in here to stay the night, and it will require considerable exertions to attend to them.

Saturday—3rd
Up early and got through with the droves. Received $9.00. Went to Beardstown.

Monday—5th
Hauled corn and wood with Ingalls' wagon. Evening attended monthly concert.

Wednesday—7th
Went to Reavis's to work on the school house, but as no one was there I returned home, and worked on my wagon bed. The water in my well is now appearing. Beautiful weather.

Thursday—8th
At work on the school house.

Saturday—10th
Hauled wood. Evening went to the Bottom and drove home 4 head of my horses.

Sunday—11th
My horses having wandered off, I am prevented from going to Sabbath School at Dr. Chandler's.

Thursday—15th: December, 1836
Raw and chilly. At work on the wagon bed. Commenced snowing at night.

Friday—16th
Wind blowing hard at the N. E., and snowing violently. The snow is drifting much. This is a severe storm.

Saturday—17th
Hauled wood. Snow is about 12 inches deep.

Sunday—18th
Remained home all day. Milder weather today.

Tuesday—20th
Very rainy through the day. A GREAT THAW. Wind S. E. Evening wind changed to N. W., and it became very cold.*

Wednesday—21st
It has been a tremendously cold and blustery night. Squalls of snow. The wind was blowing a severe gale all night. Cold and severe through the day. Evening mild. Tried to get the horses shod, but cannot at the present.

Thursday—22nd
Mild weather. It is so slippery that I can not get any hauling done.

Friday—23rd
At work on the fire place.

Saturday—24th
Thawing some. Got my horses shod. Hunted a load of wood.

Sunday—25th: December, 1836
Christmas. Remained home. Some snow has fallen through the last night.

Tuesday—27th
Hauled home a small load of hay for which I am to pay him.

Wednesday—28th
The Sangamon River has been rising very rapidly. I found some of my hogs that were left in the bottom drowned.

Thursday—29th and Friday—30th
Pulling and hauling corn. Mild weather.

Saturday—31st
Went to Beardstown. Received a letter from Mr. Dr. A. G. Smith. Mrs. Smith arrived home safe, a few days after she left us. She informs me that Dr. Smith will send me, on a wagon, some clover seed which I requested when she was here, and anything else, in payment of his debt to us dated October 27th for $463.98, drawing interest from date. Received the money from St. Louis, due from David Little. Paid off Babb and Spencer, and Mr. Bassett's accounts. Sold butter for 20c per pound. Returned home late in the evening. Cold.

January, 1837: Sunday—1st
Very cold and blustery. Went to Sq. Bonney's to a Meeting, and heard a Methodist.

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*Probably what is known as the Quick Freeze.

Monday—2nd
Not well. Took oil. Cold and fever.

Tuesday—3rd
Hauled corn. Cold and severe. Travelling slippery.

Wednesday—4th
Went to Robinson Watkins Mill with 12 bushels of corn late last night. I stayed with the miller last night. Some snow fell during the night. Today I carried my leather to Ashly Hickey and he is to make me 7 pairs of coarse shoes in two weeks.

Thursday—5th
At the Mill. Clear and cold morning. Came home. Had a cold ride. Wind blowing from the N. W.

Saturday—7th
Hauled Wood. Made a ride to the bottoms, and discovered my hogs, being yet alive on a very high spot of ground where the water had not risen. Sent back for corn and fed them. There is 10 head in all. Very slippery on the ice.

Sunday—8th
Eliza and some of the children accompanied by Cousin Henry attended Meeting at Sq. Bonney's. I remained at home. Went and fed my hogs.

Monday—9th
Snowing rapidly. About 6 inches fell today, without any wind. It is very damp. Went to the bottom for the purpose of driving home my hogs, but failed in the attempt. Came back, and carried some corn for them. Some of them have wandered off.

Tuesday—10th
Hauled wood. Damp. Mr. Marcy's son died. Went to the bottom, and fed my hogs.

Thursday—12th
Very cold morning. Cutting wood in wood lot. There is now on the ground snow to the depth of 8 or 10 inches.

Friday—13th
Cold and snowing. Hauled wood. At noon it moderated considerably. Went to the bottom with the intention of driving out my hogs. Mr. Thomas Plaster and son accompanied me—did not succeed—fed them, and returned home, very much fatigued.

Saturday, 14th: Jan—1837
Mr. Thomas Plaster and myself went to the bottom and drove out hogs. One of Lemon Plaster's- hogs was among them. Most of mine came out. Beautiful weather. The river is frozen hard, and the opportunity for hauling rails across with two horses is at its very greatest.

Sunday—15th
The remainder of my hogs have all come home. Remained home all day. The weather is moderating.

Monday—16th
Went to Beardstown with two horse sled, accompanied by Cousin Henry. It is cold riding, but became a beautiful day, however, and thawed much. Mrs. Carpenter died of inflammation of the lungs. An abscess formed and broke, which produced suffocation.

Tuesday—17th
Birthday. 40 years old. Time flies switfly!!! Helped Mr. Thomas Plaster drive hogs part of the way to Beardstown. Mrs. Carpenter was buried today. Also another woman buried in the Hager Neighborhood, 5 miles West. Old Mr. Plaster attended, and preached a sermon. Beautiful morning.

Wednesday—18th
Cleaned out my meat house. The weather has moderated very much. Went to the bottom. The morning was foggy. The wolves howled early toward the bottom. Night attended Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingall's. Quite a number convened, and a considerable degree of interest manifested.

Thursday—19th
Very moderate weather. It has thawed all night. Considerable fog this morning. Sq. Bonney assisted me in killing my beef.

Some little rain drizzled today. My mare, Peg, has gotten hurt today some way. Rode to the bottom, and got some hickory timber for mechanical purposes.

Friday—20th

Weighed my beef today.

2 hind quarters	334 pounds
2 front quarters	374
Rough tallow	59
Hide	80
Worth about 4c	847 pounds

This steer has been running in my corn field ever since I drove him home from the bottom range, about the 1st of November, last. He was very fat. Eliza and myself rode to old Mr. Plaster's to see the old lady, who is quite indisposed. Wind North, and cold.

Saturday—21st

Sq. Bonney assisted me in cutting my beef. Cousin Henry and my Henry hauled wood. Raw and chilly.

Sunday—22nd: Jan., 1837

Attended Meeting at Dr. Chandler's. Rev. Mr. Baldwin from Jacksonville preached. A good number present, and good attention given. This being Rev. Mr. Stearn's day in course at Sq. Bonny's, Mr. Baldwin commenced early enough to get through before the usual time for exercises at Sq. Bonny's. The congregation, after being dismissed, went to Sq. Bonny's, and found Mr. Stearns in the midst of his exercises. After the close Rev. Mr. Baldwin made a few excellent remarks about Mr. Stearns' talk. The two congregations together made a house full. Returned home to dinner. This is a beautiful day, and not cold. Delightful sleighing. In the evening went again to Dr. Chandler's, and heard Rev. Mr. Baldwin give interesting remarks on the Goodness of God. There was a close attention, and great solemnity. Mr. Baldwin's application was close, and highly practical. The Methodist preachers, Stearns and Springer, were present by request from Mr. Baldwin. Mr. Baldwin closed with some remarks, but they were not very practical or edifying in their tendency.

Monday—23rd

Assisted Mr. Thomas Plaster kill hogs. Quite cold and disagreeable.

Tuesday—24th

Cut and hauled wood off the bluffs. This is an excellent season to get about with a sled and get up wood. Commenced feeding on my last stacks of hay this morning. I am now feeding 35 head of cattle, and 24 head of sheep.

Wednesday—25th

Hauled wood preparatory to killing hogs. Attended Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingall's.

Thursday—26th: June, 1837

Killed 12 hogs. Amount weight averaged 177½ pounds, 2133 pounds in all. Mild and beautiful day.

Friday—27th

Cut up and salted my pork. Weighed hams, shoulders and middlings.

24 hams	468 pounds,
24 middlings	731 "
24 shoulders	516 "
lard	142 "

Saturday—28th

Went to Beardstown accompanied by Mr. Thomas Plaster, and Mr. Reavis. Warm and beautiful day.

Sunday—29th

Went to Dr. Chandler's in the evening accompanied by Eliza, Henry Dutch, and Mr. T. Plaster. Attended Prayer Meeting. Quite interesting meeting.

Monday—30th

Salted away beef.

Tuesday—31st

Hogs which I lately drove out of the bottom are put up with the intention of fattening. Went to Hickey's.

February, 1837: Wednesday—1st

Hauled corn for hogs. Cold. Attended Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingall's.

Friday—3rd
Beautiful day. Hauled wood. Snow wasting fast. Sat up cook stove in house. Henry got badly hurt by a fall on the ice.

Saturday—4th
Went to Beardstown. Mild weather.

Wednesday—8th
Cold and cloudy. Some little snow has fallen. Sangamon River very high. Sat off for Jacksonville on horse back. Found the roads very muddy, and the streams very full. Came to Jacksonville by 4 o'clock. After halting a little while, I passed on to the grove, and stopped at Maj. Simms.

Thursday—9th
At Major Simms. Cold morning. After spending some time at the grove I stopped at Dr. Prosser's in Jacksonville. Called on Mr. Hale and Mr. Baldwin, the latter of whom will go out tomorrow, or perhaps when I go, to fill a place for a protracted meeting to be held at Dr. Chandler's. Attended Prayer Meeting in the home of Judge Lockwood. A number present, and quite an interest fell on the neighborhood, and prayers were put up accordingly.

Friday—10th
Cold morning. Sat off for home, accompanied by Rev. Hale and Mr. Marcus Hicks. Came home by the middle of the afternoon. Found all well. Attended Meeting at Dr. Chandler's. Rev. Mr. Hale preached.

Saturday—11th
Prayer Meeting at 10 o'clock. A solemn and interesting lesson. This Meeting was held at the home of Dr. Chandler.

Sunday—12th
Cold and severe morning. Prayer Meeting at 10 A. M. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards from Jacksonville came in late last night for the purpose of attending Prayer Meeting. The people are collecting and there is a prospect of there being a large crowd. Session of Church at 11 A. M. when 8 persons by letter, and 4 by examination were admitted into full Communion of the Church. A more highly interesting Meeting, I have seldom witnessed. Preaching, and the baptism of 3 persons. Communion of the Church at noon.

Monday—13th
Moved the sheep house.

Tuesday—14th: Feb. 1837
Rainy. Hauled shock corn, which I have just begun to feed out. Hay is about gone. Hay in the stable has been gone about 10 days.

Thursday—16th
Helped T. Plaster kill hogs at Dr. Chandler's. Very cold. The Sangamon River at this time is very full. Eliza and myself wrote to Dr. Smith and wife.

Friday—17th
Writing letters. Cold.

Saturday—18th
Hauled shock corn.

Wednesday—22nd
Rode to saw mill. Wind South. Attended Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingall's. Rainy. Got wet.

Thursday—23rd
Cloudy and colder. Attended with squalls of snow. Found one of my cows dead on the prairie. Very muddy. Hauled load of shock corn.

Friday—24th
Cold, and the ground is frozen hard. Another of my cows sick this morning, much swollen, similar to the one I found dead. Administered peppermint. She eats her food well, but cannot rise from the ground.

Saturday—25th: Feb. 1837
Hauled shock corn.

Sunday—26th
Attended Prayer Meeting. Another of my cows (Pink) died today. Cold night.

Monday—27th
Considerable change in the atmosphere. Very cold, and the ground frozen very hard.

Rev. Mr. Hale called at the house, and after a little interview I accompanied him as far as Capt. Dutch's, where I am persuaded to pass the night.

Tuesday—28th
At Capt. Dutch's. After breakfast Rev. Mr. Hale passed on to Jacksonville, and I returned home. Cold through the past night.

March, 1837: Thursday—2nd
Snowed a little. Cold. Hauled shock corn.

Saturday—4th
Gathering corn.

Monday—6th
John Elkins set in to work for a month at $15.00, gathering corn. Set in to rain at 12 o'clock, which prevented my working out.

Tuesday—7th
Went with Elkins to help build a ferry boat to be kept on the ford near the Sangamon for the convenience of the neighbors. Showery and very warm. Noon—thunder and lightning. Very sultry. Night—rainy.

Wednesday—8th
Great change in the weather. Ground covered with snow. About 2 inches have fallen. The wind during the falling of the snow has blown hard from the North. Weather very cold. Hauled in the balance of my shock corn. Hauled wood.

Thursday—9th
Elkins cutting stalks. Henry with him. I am not well. Cold and disagreeable day. Received a letter from Mrs. Smith, and learned from Dr. Chandler, who has been at Beardstown, that there has been landed from the steamboat 2 barrels of clover seed from Cincinnati, sent by Dr. A. G. Smith.

Friday—10th
Went to Beardstown with Thomas Plaster, his wagon, and my horses. Very cold, and very rough travelling. Brought home my clover seed. The barrels appeared to have 3 bushels in each. This seed has come in good time, and is in part of what Dr. Smith owes us. Elkins and Henry cutting corn stalks.

Monday—13th
Cold weather. High wind from N. W. Evening at Dr. Chandler's with others, relative to building a school house in the neighborhood. The meeting resulted in the determination of building a good and comfortable house half way from Marcus Chandler's to my house. Cold nights.

Tuesday—14th: March, 1837
Sowing clover seed, one gallon to the acre, on my rye, which I sowed last fall.

Friday—17th
Thomas Plaster and myself worked on the school house today.

Saturday—18th
Cold. Hauled wood.

Monday—20th
Worked at the school house today. Warmer weather.

Tuesday—21st
Putting up fence in ditch.

Wednesday—22nd
Sowing clover seed all day. Marcus Hicks took dinner with us.

Thursday—23rd
Gathering corn. Warm.

Friday—24th
Finished hauling in my corn and finished sowing clover seed on corn ground. Began pasturing my rye. Fire came in on my farm today and burnt up 100 or more rails. High wind.

Saturday—25th
Plowing yard. Went to Mr. Bonny's, and brought home his harrow.

Sunday—26th: March, 1837
Attended Meeting at Mr. Bonny's. Prayer Meeting at 5 P. M. at the school house. At early candle light there being a wedding at Mr. Ingall's, and as my family have been invited, I consented to go.

Monday—27th
Harrowing down yard about house preparatory to sowing grass seed. John Elkins came to work at the middle of the P. M.

Tuesday—28th
Sowed the front of the house down in blue grass, and some clover. Hanging up some of my meat, viz: 24 hams, weight 473 pounds, 24 shoulders, weight 507 pounds. Hung up some of my beef.

Wednesday—29th
Repairing fence which fire destroyed a few days ago. Cold weather for this season. Elkins with me.

Thursday—30th
Hauled home small stack of hay I bought of Mr. Ingalls for which I am to pay him $3.00. J. Elkins worked today.

Friday—31st
Very considerable rain fell last night. Cold and high wind. Hauled a load of wood to school house. Went to saw mill, and got scantling for harrow. On my return I hauled a load of wood. Elkins, wishing to go to the Dutch party, worked only half a day.

April, 1837: Saturday—1st
Cutting corn stalks. Elkins worked half a day. Mended ditch fence which has blown down. Ground frozen very hard.

Sunday—2nd
Attended Sabbath School at School house. Met at 5 P. M. at school house and formed a Bible class of adults.

Monday—3rd
Very high wind blew all night. Ground frozen very hard. Remained at home, and posted books.

Tuesday—4th
Helped John Marshall raise his house. Wrote to Cousin Samuel Simms, Jacksonville, and Rev. Mr. Penny, agent for the Foreign Missionary Society for the State of Illinois, to whom I enclosed $1.50, my subscription for the Missionary Herald for year 1837, and amount of monthly concert money, which letters have gone to Mr. W. Hicks. Traded my wagon and oxen to George Bonny for the sum of $140.00. He paid me $50.00 down, and the balance when convenient at 12 per cent interest.

Wednesday—5th
Put up ditch fence. Attended Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingall's.

Friday—7th
Wind blowing hard from S. W. Snowing at different periods through the day. Hauled rails and put up division fence.

Saturday—8th
Very considerable snow storm. Wind at South, and cold!!! This is a quite remarkable season. The season is cold, and backward.

Monday—10th
Repairing ditch fence which encloses South field.

Tuesday—11th: April—1837
Thrashing out oats. Beautiful day. Evening cleaned up same, 16 bushels of Siberian oats, and 9 bushels of common oats.

Wednesday—12th
Cleaning up, and preparing ground for oats.

Thursday—13th
Sowing oats and plowed in 26 acres—two plows running.

Saturday—15th
Went to Beardstown. Cold. The Sangamon and Illinois Rivers are at this time very high. Sowing and plowing in oats.

Monday—17th
Hauled wood to the school house, and hauled one or two loads home. P. M. Commenced raking stalks with two horses. The rake is large and heavy, and requires two hands to lift it. Henry and Jane attend to one end. He have raked about 7 acres this afternoon.

Tuesday—18th
Raking stalks. More pleasant today. I have this day raked about 15 acres.

Wednesday—19th
Plowing in oats. Finished all the old ground in the South field.

Thursday—20th
Commenced furrowing out for corn. Shall not break the ground until after the corn shall have been planted, because the season is so backward. J. Elkins with me. He has been cutting stalks. Sowed 2 acres of clover in oats ground.

Friday—21st
Commenced breaking up lot West of house with Watson's cattle. Furrowing for corn. At night robbed the bees. Found some appearance of young bees.

Saturday—22nd
Very cold wind, and cloudy. John Elkins plowing up lot West of house. Finished furrowing out half of lower field supposed to contain about 43 to 45 acres. My clover is just up.

Sunday—23rd
Ground covered with snow. It has been snowing all night. Did not attend Sabbath School.

Monday—24th
Cold morning. Considerable white frost and some ice!!! Shelled corn forepart of the day. J. Elkins came to work at 11 A. M. Repairing ditch fence which in part encloses the lower field.

Tuesday—25th: April, 1837
Sowing clover seed part of the A. M. The balance of the day finished repairing ditch, and put up a set of bars. Selected seed corn preparatory to planting corn in the morning. Grass is now up enough for the stock to live.

Wednesday—26th
Made a title to I. and T. L. Wilburn on account of Ralph Elkins, of the S. W. part of the North part of Fractional Quarter Sec. 34 T. 19 N. Range 10 W. containing 40 acres. The land is on the Sangamon River bottom, and is a part of the same land that Mr. Elkins and myself entered in 1834. It was entered in my name. Commenced planting corn. Put in about 7 acres. Henry and Jane dropped, John Elkins covered with hoe, and I laid off with two horses, Ball and Gray.

Thursday—27th
Planting corn.

Friday—28th
Finished planting the E. half of my corn field by noon, supposed to contain about 21 acres. Warm and dry. Rain is greatly needed. My young clover is suffering for rain.

Saturday—29th
Very warm and sultry. J. Elkins cutting corn stalks. Raked half a day.

Sunday—30th
Last night has been a remarkably sultry night. Attended Sabbath School. The weather is becoming much cooler. P. M. Attended Prayer Meeting at the school house. Quite cold and windy—a very great change. No Bible class this evening.

May, 1837: Monday—1st

Some ice and considerable frost this morning. Very cold and disagreeable. Weather very cold.

Tuesday—2nd
Plowing our furrows for planting second cut for corn.

Wednesday—3rd
George Bonny broke about one acre of ground in the South field which has been settled in, and a note taken for the balance on wagon and oxen. Furrowing out for corn. Some rain last night.

Friday—5th
Furrowing out for corn. High wind, and very warm and dry. Rev. Mr. Leonard of the Cumberland order called on me for the purpose of spending the Sabbath in this neighborhood.

Saturday—6th
Finished furrowing out for corn, and began crossing, ready for planting. It has taken

me longer to furrow out this cut than the last on account of so many hindrances I have had. I attended Meeting at Sq. Bonney's, where, by previous appointment, Rev. Mr. Leonard preached. Wind North, and somewhat cooler. H. S. Dutch returned from Jacksonville on Wednesday.

Monday—8th
Warm and dry. Some dew visible this morning. Rev. Mr. Leonard left us. Crossing for planting. The corn in my first cut is coming up. Planted watermelons in the P. M.

Tuesday—9th to Friday—13th
Planted corn.

Saturday—14th
Finished planting corn. I have now put in about 40 acres. Planted pumpkin seed.

Monday—15th: May, 1837
Began to break up the box in the first cut of corn. The corn is coming up. Showers through the day. Sister Harriet, son Chatham, and daughter Alleen visited us from Jacksonville.

Tuesday—16th
Went to the river and tried to catch some fish, but failed. Quite indisposed with the eqidemic of influenza, prevalent with us. Henry plowing, breaking up box.

Thursday—18th
Sister Harriet and children returned home. I am quite sick. Took calomel.

Friday—19th
Quite sick all night. Took oil. I think my disease is yielding slowly.

Monday—22nd
Henry went to Leeper's Mill with corn and got meal. Henry plowing box.* I am feeling better.

Friday—26th: May, 1837
Pleasant day. Henry and I am replanting corn in 2nd cut. The moles and mice have eaten much of the corn planted this year. My rye is heading, and the late rain has revived the clover. Mr. Rickard, having called for his house in which Henry Dutch has a school, school was compelled to stop.

Saturday—27th
Engaged H. L. Dutch for $12.00 per month when he works on the farm. He replanted corn for me. The corn is very much missing. This is the complaint all over the country.

Saturday—28th
Attended Sabbath School, and heard preaching by Rev. Peter Cartright, who is the presiding elder in this section of the Methodist society. Warm.

Monday—29th
Sat off for Glover's to have my plows repaired. It rained, and I got wet. Put up at Glover's.

Tuesday—30th
Got my plows finished. I returned home. Replanted corn. Azel Lyman, Esq., Sunday School Agent, stopped with us.

June, 1837: Saturday—3rd
Henry and myself plowing around corn, which at this time is weedy.

Sunday—4th
Heavy showers of rain last night attended with lightning. On going out this morning found Grey's colt has been struck by lightning. Its hind part has become useless. Got the colt in the house and nursed it as well as I could. No change for the better.

Tuesday—6th
Plowing corn and replanting. Reuben Alexander, son-in-law to old man Plaster is helping me at $1.00 per day. A heavy shower prevented us from working in the field.

Wednesday—7th
Mr. Alexander worked for me today. Finished replanting 2nd cut of corn by noon. Plowing—breaking up the box in the 2nd cut. 3 plows running since noon. Gray's colt died.

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*Probably a shrub or vine infested field.

Friday—9th
Finished breaking up box in 2nd cut. Have been running 3 plows all day.

Sunday—11th
Attended Meeting at Sq. Bonney's. Rev. Mr. Stevens preached followed by Rev. Mr. Hulbut, preacher from Alton. In the evening he preached at Dr. Chandler's.

Monday—12th
Plowing and hoeing half a day. Rev. Mr. Hulbut dined with us.

Friday—16th: June, 1837
Hoeing corn. Finished plowing corn in the 1st cut by 12 o'clock.

Saturday—17th
Worked the roads. Corn is growing fast due to the fine showers.

Tuesday—20th
Cold and cloudy. Some slight showers of rain through the day. Sowed one bushel of buckwheat on one acre of ground, and put it in first rate order.

Thursday—22nd
Plowing only half a day. Hung up beef.

Saturday—26th
Eliza and self went to Beardstown.

Monday—26th and Tuesday—27th
Plowing corn. Showers of rain.

Thursday—24th
Ground very wet. Went with my family to a wedding at Mr. Isham Reavis. His daughter was married to Mr. James Carr. The invitation being a general one many were there, say 200 or more. Considerable style and taste was manifested.

Friday—30th
Plowing corn. Very sultry part of the day.

July, 1837: Saturday—1st
Wet and cool. Mrs. Capt. Dutch came to see us.

Sunday—2nd
Rainy most of the day, preventing us from attending the religious exercises.

Monday—3rd
Mrs. Dutch returned home. Plowing corn part of the day. Attended the monthly concert at Dr. Chandler's. Rode out in the evening to Virginia accompanied by Mr. T. Plaster.

Wednesday—5th to Saturday—8th
Plowing corn.

Monday—10th
Air thick and foggy. Repaired the kitchen chimney. Sent a newspaper to Daniel Payne, Esq., Fauquier County, Virginia. Also wrote to the editors of the Observer and Patriot. Mr. James Watson, in this neighborhood, died this P. M. after a long illness. I assisted in laying out the corpse.

Tuesday—11th
Sat up with others with the corpse all night. Mr. James Logan and his two sons commenced cutting down my rye at $1.00 per day. Some of my rye is very heavy.

Wednesday—12th
Mr. Logan's two sons reaping. We returned home last evening. Worked over North watermelon patch.

Saturday—15th: July, 1837
Plowing corn.

Sunday—16th
Attended Sabbath School, and preaching at Dr. Chandler's by Mr. Gaylord, tutor at Illinois College.

Monday—17th to Wednesday—19th
Plowing corn these days, and finished. My neighbors are in the midst of their harvesting.

Thursday—20th
Went early, with all hands and plows, and worked this day for Capt. Dutch in his corn field.

Saturday—22nd
Went to Beardstown. Very warm.

Monday—24th: July, 1837
Went to Rickard's home mill.

Tuesday—25th
Having collected hands, I cut rye today. The following persons worked for me: Thomas Plaster, Reuben Alexander, Edmund Northern, David Marshall, Jeremiah Brown, Mr. Logan, and his two sons, and Daniel Scott. Also had a man by the name of Dickens.

Wednesday—26th
Attended the sale of the effects of Mr. Fowl who was murdered some weeks since in the North Prairie. Dry weather.

Thursday—27th
Cutting rye. Rev. Mr. Leonard and lady came to see us.

Saturday—29th
Went out to North Prairie with Rev. Mr. Leonard on business. Came to Rev. Mr. Dutton's to breakfast, and then via Rev. Mr. Corbly's and home by 11 A. M. Exceedingly hot and dry weather.

August, 1837: Tuesday—1st
My children commenced attending Miss E. Chandler's school. Very hot and dry. Commenced cutting my oats.

Wednesday—2nd
Raining very gently this morning. Cradled down oats.

Thursday—3rd to Saturday—5th
Cradling and binding oats. Worked until 12 o'clock, and Capt. Dutch, having come down to fish, I went with him. Did not catch but two.

Monday—7th
Attended the election of officers in our new county at Beardstown. Very warm. Some showers of rain around.

Tuesday—8th
Came home from Beardstown for breakfast. Finished cutting oats. Prepared a place for stacking them.

Friday—11th
Remarkably cool for the season. Sawing corners of the house.

Monday—14th
Warm and dry. At work on the corners of the house preparing it for weather boarding.

Tuesday—15th: August, 1837
Commenced hauling in and stacking my oats. I have Mr. T. Plaster's wagon, and my two horses, and I can haul about 20 doz. of oats to a load and about 6 loads per day.

Thursday—17th
Finished stacking oats by 12 o'clock. Heavy clouds of wind and some rain.

Friday—18th
Commenced hauling in rye. Mr. Northern, with his wagon assisted me for $2.50. Mr. Logan and sons also assisted me. Beautiful day.

Saturday—19th
Mr. Gaylord came here from Jacksonville about dusk.

Monday—21st
Showers of rain in A. M. Shelled corn in the P. M., and stacked rye. Cool.

Wednesday—23rd: August, 1837
Finished stacking rye, and commenced getting it out.

Thursday—24th
Fair and agreeable weather. Getting out rye. Borrowed two horses of Mr. Northern. Eliza went to Capt. Dutch's. Worked quite late.

Friday—25th
Went over to Widow Watson's, and bought 9 hogs for $27.00, payable in October. Evening cleaned up 10 bushels of rye.

Tuesday—29th
Finished cleaning up rye. Evening Eliza and myself went to Dr. Chandler's.

Thursday—31st
Sent to Bibbs alias Smith's mill for meal by H. L. Dutch. Worked on the house. Cool weather.

September, 1837: Friday—1st
At work on the house preparatory to weath-

er boarding. Cool morning. Some frost in the neighborhood. H. L. Dutch returned from the mill but only got part of the grain owing to the scarcity of water.

Saturday—2nd
Went to Beardstown. Carried down 10 hams averaging 17½ pounds each. Left them with Spencer and Foster. Some of them were somewhat damaged by the skippers.

Monday—4th to Saturday—9th
At work on the house.

Monday—11th
Went to see Solomon Penny, between here and Beardstown. Bought of him a two-horse wagon for $100.00, one half down, and the remainder on Jan. 1st, next. From there I went to Beardstown, and bought of Harper, to be paid by Spencer and Foster, 300 shaved clap boards at $1.25.

Tuesday—12th
Hunted out a load of mulberry stakes. George Bonny made them some time ago in Panther Creek bottom. P. M. Went to Beardstown, and returned late. Saw Penny, who is on his way moving to Rock River. Having paid him $30.00 Tennessee paper which I got of Dr. Chandler, the amount of George Bonny's note, and as the paper is not very current he paid it back to me, and directed me to pay the amount of $30.00 to James Connier, living at Mr. Daniel's Mill. The $30.00 Tennessee paper I returned to Dr. Chandler. There had been $20.00 order from Dr. Chandler on Penny settled in this I received in the way of Bonny's note.

Wednesday—13th: Sept., 1837
Hauled a load of mulberry stakes out of Panther Creek bottom. The two loads make 64 stakes. Worked on the house in the P. M. Commenced weather boarding.

Thursday—14th
Robbed bees. Worked on house part of the day. Commenced cutting up corn.

Tuesday—19th
Cutting up corn, and working on the house. Considerable white frost this morning. My well is quite dry.

Wednesday—20th
Received a letter from Father giving me the information that Major Dutch and family had started by land for this country.

Thursday—21st
Cutting up corn. Began cutting hay. Two hands cutting at $1.00 per day.

Saturday—23rd
Cutting and putting up hay. I have put up about 6 acres now.

Wednesday—27 and Thursday—28th
At work on fence. Clear and pleasant weather.

Friday—29th
Began to haul hay. Geo. Bonny, with his team helping me, but it rained and prevented us from doing any more today.

Saturday—30th
At work on fence. Cloudy and cool.

October, 1837: Tuesday—3rd
Eliza and Henry went to Beardstown in the wagon.

Wednesday—4th
Thick and foggy and damp. Eliza and Henry returned home.

Thursday—5th
At work on the fence on the north side of field.

Friday—6th
Hauled hay all day. Warm.

Tuesday—9th
Finished hauling hay. Thrashed oats.

Thursday—12th
Very rainy all day. This weather prevents me from cleaning out oats. I stacked them up the best I could, and at the best it is not good.

Saturday—14th: October, 1837

Delivered to the stage at John Taylor's, 8 miles East, 36½ bushels of oats at 25c per bushel. Sold also on the way 3 bushels, the quantity I have cleaned out being 39½ bushels in all. Beautiful day.

Monday—16th

Commenced sowing wheat the latter part of the day.

Tuesday—17th and Wednesday—18th

Sowing wheat.

Thursday—19th

Hauled corn all day. Very warm. Cutting buckwheat.

Friday—20th and Saturday—21st

Cutting buckwheat. Sowing wheat. Very warm.

Monday—23rd

Getting out buckwheat. Major Dutch and family arrived here direct from Augusta, Maine about noon in good health. Sister Abby looks much older than I had expected. This is my father's birthday. 84 years old!!! 19 years have elapsed since I have seen these folks.

Tuesday—24th: October, 1837

Henry Dutch went to the Mill near Beardstown. Our connections will remain with us until they get their house in readiness. Very heavy frost.

Thursday—26th

Sowing and planting wheat.

Friday—27th

Sent two loads of turnips to Beardstown. Delightful weather.

Saturday—28th

Went to the river timber, and carried our Eastern folks.

Monday—30th

Seeding wheat and plowing the same in.

Tuesday—31st

Sent a load of turnips to Beardstown. Plowing wheat.

November—1837: Wednesday—1st

Went to Beardstown with a load of turnips. Bought a suit of clothes of Foster and Spencer.

Thursday—2nd

Seeding wheat. Hauling wood.

Monday—6th

Finished seeding wheat. Hauled corn. Have contracted with Dr. Lancaster, who has a thrashing machine in this neighborhood, to thrash out oats and rye for the sum of $10.00. I am to provide the hands and team. I went to Pearson and hauled up the machine to be in readiness for operation in the morning.

Tuesday—7th

Have collected my hands we got to work by 10 A. M., and finished my oats. Put them with chaff in a pen, and commenced on the rye.

Wednesday—8th

Thrashed out my rye. There has been considerable hindrance today in making room for the grain and straw. This machine requires about eight hands, and is the best article to get out grain that I ever saw.

Saturday—11th

Warm. Appearances of rain. Put up my rye in rail pen. Major Dutch and family moved in the house which they rented north of the Reavis farm.

Sunday—12th

Attended Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingall's.

Monday—13th: November, 1837

Hauled wood and corn. Sister Abby is with us. In consequence of ill reports having got into circulation regarding my private character, and as there is much prejudice created as to hurt my usefulness in this neighborhood, and as I cannot account for all of this, I called the Church together at Dr. Chandler's. When a full explanation of the charges against me was satisfactorily given, the Church was satisfied that there was but little foundation for the circulation of such reports, but as my usefulness has received a check, especially in the Sunday School, I conceive it best to retire for the present from it. So much for busybodies. How much evil does the form of prejudice create. What evil I have done which has led the community to render me inconsistent in my Christian walk, I am sorry for, and hope I may be forgiven. The great cause of all this trouble, I have learned in the progress of investigation, is because we have a colored girl in our family which we hold as a slave, and because she, being so turbulent and unmanageable, it became our duty to chastise her, and, as some persons have been witnesses, and being not familiar with the crime, or the facts of it, have been induced to believe we were cruelly treating this servant girl. Returned home by 8 P. M.

Wednesday—15th
Digging potatoes.

Monday—20th
Hauled wood and corn. Heavy gusts of wind today, and it rained large hail. Cold.
Thursday—23rd: November, 1837
Very cold and clear through the night. Hauled wood. Repaired injuries done to the windows by the storm of hail on the 20th. Began feeding stock cattle.

Friday—24th
Hauling corn. Moved hay from stack to stable.

Monday—27th
Putting up turnips. Very warm for this season.

Tuesday—28th
Putting up vegetables. Spent the evening with Capt. Dutch's.

Thursday—30th
Daubing the house. Excessively warm for the season. Major Dutch's son arrived this morning. Rain in the evening.

December, 1837: Saturday—2nd
Helped Thomas Plaster raise his stable. Cooler.

Sunday—3rd
Mr. Daniels, of the Baptist order, preached at Mr. Matthew's. Sister Abby returned home.

Wednesday—6th
Helped George Bonny raise his cabin. Chilly part of the day. Eliza and nephew went to Beardstown.

Thursday—7th
Having discovered my rye is injured, I have been closely engaged in overhauling it.

Saturday—9th
Rainy. The Sangamon River is very high. It is becoming colder.

Sunday—10th
There being no preaching in the neighborhood remained at home.

Monday—11th
Hauled hay, wood and corn. Cold and chilly.

Tuesday—12th
Cleaning up oats to carry to Beardstown. Sister Abby with us.

Wednesday—13th
Went to Beardstown with a load of oats. Very cold day. Roads quite rough. Have sold my load for 28c per bushel rounded, and weight 38½ pounds, whole quantity 1828 pounds or 51 bushels. This was a good load for two horses. Returned home by 10 P. M.

Thursday—14th: December, 1837
Hauled wood and corn.

Tuesday—19th
Very cold. Ground frozen very hard. Loaded up wagon with oats with the intention of going to town, but having broken some of my rigging, and as it is becoming much colder, I concluded not to go. Went to the Smith mill, and on my way home I hauled wood.

Wednesday—20th
Loaded up, and put off for town with oats. Delivered my oats, 50 bushels for $14.00, and came home by 9 P. M.

Thursday—21st
Cold wind. Went in search of my Watson hogs, but did not find them.

Saturday—23rd
Hauled corn. Turned six calves out of the cornfield which I turned in there some time ago.

Monday—25th
Christmas. Clear and mild weather. No snow on the ground. Gathering corn.

Tuesday—26th: December, 1837
Clear and cold today. Gathering corn. Mr. Hickey, with whom I left my leather last year about this time to have some shoes made for my family, not having been able to accomplish this on account of sickness, called today and took a fresh set of measurements, and promises to have them in two weeks.

Wednesday—27th
Miss E. Chandler spent the day with us. Hauled corn. Mr. Marcus Chandler and wife called in the evening to see us on their way from Beardstown, and took supper with us. Miss Chandler returned home.

Friday—29th
Up early, and went in pursuit of my Watson hogs. Found them, and fed them. Gathered corn. Very warm for the season.

Saturday—30th
I am afflicted with a boil which disqualifies me for work.

Sunday—31st
Quarterly meeting of the Methodists at Sq. Bonny's. Attended. Warm. Good weather for the season.

January, 1838. On the farm.

Monday—1st
Fanned out oats, and put them in a gum. Went and fed hogs. Warm for this season. The frost is entirely out of the ground.

Tuesday—2nd
Hauled a little wood. My boil is very painful. Eliza and myself spent the evening at Major Dutch's.

Wednesday—3rd
Repaired fence around cornfield. Went and fed Watson hogs. Sister Abby came to spend a few days with us.

Friday—5th
Hauled wood. The wind has blown very hard during the past night. Pleasant overhead. Went to feed the hogs.

Saturday—6th
Worked on the roads with wagon and team. Fed the hogs over at the Watson place.

Sunday—7th
Attended Meeting at Dr. Chandler's. Rev. Mr. Roberts (our order) preached. Although the morning was stormy there were quite a few present. Mr. Roberts preached again at candlelight. Mr. Roberts is a man of much promise.

Monday—8th
Helped Mr. Plaster kill hogs. Cold. Went to assist move a house bought by myself and the neighbors to be used for a school house. Only a few met. We agreed to meet on Saturday next.

Wednesday—10th: January, 1838
Getting up wood, and making preparations for killing hogs. Ebin and Major Dutch helped me.

Thursday—11th
Killed 15 hogs. Major Dutch and son Ebin helped me. Beautiful day. Weighed my hogs amounting to 3311 pounds, worth now only $3.00. Major Dutch helped me cut them up. Average weight of hogs 206 pounds. Let Major Dutch have a hog weighing 180 pounds at 4c, and 20 pounds of salt on account at $1.00 per 100 pounds. Abby returned home.

Saturday—13th
Salted away my pork. Went in the afternoon and helped move the school house which it is agreed by the neighbors to set near old man Plaster's.

Sunday—14th
Rev. Mr. Spencer preached at Mr. Nor-

thern's. He is from Jacksonville, and of the Baptist order. Rev. Mr. Spencer dined with us, and at candlelight he preached again. Mild weather.

Monday—15th
Wrote to Jacksonville by Mr. Spencer. Went with my neighbors, and finished moving the school house.

Tuesday—16th
Hauled a load of corn, but the rain having set in, I was compelled to stop.

Wednesday—17th
Warm and wet. Went with Mr. Rickard to the houses in the neighborhood for the purpose of making up a school. This is my birthday. 41 years old.

Thursday—18th
Hauled a load of wood. Noon—snowing. Sister Abby came to see us.

Monday—22nd: January, 1838
Hauled a load of corn. Thawing considerably.

Friday—26th
Hauled a load of corn in the morning. Attended Meeting at Sq. Bonny's in the evening held by the Methodist denomination.

Saturday—27th
Hauled in corn. Mild weather. Sister Abby returned home. Late P. M. started snowing rapidly.

Sunday—28th
Clear and very cold. Remained at home. No preaching in the neighborhood.

Monday—29th
Cutting and hauling wood.

Tuesday—30th
Cutting wood. Drove home the remainder of my Watson hogs. Cold wind.

Wednesday—31st
Hauling in corn. Ebin Dutch helped me part of the day.

February, 1838: Thursday—1st
Exceedingly cold day. Moved hay into the stable. Turned my cattle into the stock field.

Saturday—3rd
Hauled wood. More mild.

Sunday—4th
Preaching at Mr. Northern's. More mild weather. Ground covered with snow.

Monday—5th
Went and drove horses home.

Tuesday—6th
Great thaw. Made some rails.

Wednesday—7th
Hauled wood.

Saturday—10th
Agreed to sell the bulk of my pork to Mr. Babb, including the hams and lard, at 4c. At Beardstown, but came home by sunset.

Sunday—11th
I am prevented from attending Meeting in consequence of a sore boil. Clear and cold morning.

Monday—12th: February, 1838
Began to break down weeds in south field. Cold.

Wednesday—14th
Cut a load of wood. Wrote to father.

Saturday—17th
Cold and severe weather. Hauled wood. Sent 4¾ bushels of corn to the mill.

Monday—19th
Commenced making a two horse sled. Hauled wood.

Tuesday—20th
Went into the bottom accompanied by Cousin Ebin. We crossed on the ice with a wagon and two horses. Being strong and safe we went to the far side of the East timber and got some timber for the sled. Pleasant in the woods.

Thursday—22nd
Finished making sled.

Friday—23rd
Went into the bottoms and hauled a few logs for Major Dutch. Thawed considerably.

Saturday—24th: February, 1838
In the bottom hauling out logs with sled, and crossing the river on the ice, which is in good order. Major Dutch put in his horses.

Sunday—25th
Snow storm from N. E. Wind high. Attended preaching at Dr. Chandler's. Rev. Mr. Galleher preached.

Monday—26th
Went to the bottom accompanied by Maj. Dutch, and his son, Ebin, and their horses. Hauled out house logs. Clear and cold weather.

Thursday—29th
The ice in the river having become much weaker we thought it best not to go to the bottom.

March, 1838: Friday—2nd
Hauled load of wood. Ebin helped me with their horses. Then I went to the ford and cut them down two house logs, and assisted Ebin load the logs.

Saturday—3rd
Went down the bluffs as far as Mr. James Carr's, where a meeting of the citizens of this magistrate district was assembled for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent the District at a general convention to be held at Beardstown on the 7th of March. I was selected as one of the delegates. Returned home. Cloudy.

Tuesday—6th
Went to Beardstown, accompanied by Maj. Dutch. Carried 12 bushels of oats, 32 dozen eggs, and 12 pounds of sausage which I sold to Crampton Tavern. Attended the convention. Wm. Holmes was chosen to represent this County in the next Legislature. Returned home a little after dark.

Thursday—8th
Slaughtering hogs. Major Dutch and Ebin helped me. My Watson hogs weighed 1045 pounds, and one other hog made the total weight 1202 pounds. Cut up, and salted my pork.

Friday—9th
Helped Mr. Thomas Plaster kill hogs. It has thawed very much.

Saturday—10th
At work on dwelling house mending floor. Warm and clear. The snow has nearly gone.

Thursday—15th: March, 1838
Went with my neighbors to repair school house. Slight shower of rain which turned into snow.

Saturday—17th
Getting up seed. Exceedingly muddy, and bad travelling.

Monday—19th
Daubing and fitting up dwelling house. Very warm.

Thursday—22nd
Sowed nearly 1 bushel of clover seed over places in field where there appeared to be little or none. The prospect of a good crop looks flattering. There is a considerable prospect for a second crop of rye (volunteer). Hauled wood.

Saturday—24th
Helped old Mr. Plaster, with some of the neighbors, build his chimney.

Sunday—25th: March, 1838
Very warm, and good weather. I remained home, there being no preaching.

Monday—26th
I went to Beardstown with my bulk pork, contracted to Mr. Babb for 4c. Delivered 1411 pounds, which brought $56.44. Warm, and growing weather.

Tuesday—27th
Commenced pasturing rye. Hauled wood. Whitewashing house.

Friday—30th
Went to Beardstown. Warm.

Saturday—31st
At work on the school house. The grass is coming up considerably. My rye and clover are coming up rapidly.

April, 1838: Sunday—1st
Attended preaching at Mr. Northern's. Quite a change in the weather. Cool. N. E. wind.

Monday—2nd
Cool. Some ice. John E. Rickard commenced his school this morning. Cleaning up rye, and putting up garden fence. Cool weather.

Tuesday—3rd
Helped Thomas Plaster and Daniel Scott raise a house.

Wednesday—4th
Went to Beardstown with about 30 bushels of rye which I lodged at the store of Spencer and Foster.

Thursday—5th
Commenced cutting down oats preparatory to putting in oats.

Friday—6th
Showery. Went to Horham's, and bought 40 Locust trees, which I set out in the ward.

Sunday—8th
Clear and cold. Went down the Bluff and got old Mrs. Scott to nurse Mrs. Sewall.

Monday—9th
Ebin Dutch just set in to work by the month for $15.00. Moon partially eclipsed.

Tuesday—10th
Raking stalks. Slight showers of rain.

Wednesday—11th
Cold morning. Ground frozen. Breaking down weeds in clover field, and cleaned up lot where buckwheat grew. Attended school meeting. Three trustees, viz: Isham Reavis, Amos Bonny, and myself, were chosen.

Thursday—12th: April, 1838
Sowed 5 acres of oats. Plowed ⅗ of them in today.

Friday—13th
Finishing plowing in oats.

Saturday—14th
Eliza was delivered of a daughter about ½ hour after sunrise.*

Sunday—15th
Sent old Mrs. Scott home in the wagon.

Monday—16th
Cleaned out the balance of my rye. Hauled wood.

Wednesday—18th
Wrote a letter to Father.

Thursday—19th
Raking stalks, and cleaned up two acres of ground for spring wheat.

Friday—20th
Put in two bushels of spring wheat, one bushel to the acre. Threw it on the corn ground and plowed it in, in the same manner as I did the oats. Warm.

Saturday—21st
Planted potatoes in the garden, and sowed some other seeds.

Sunday—22nd
Walked to Major Dutch's and sat a while. Capt. Dutch and his wife with us today.

Monday—23rd: April, 1838
Finished listing for corn, and started planting corn. Ground rather wet.

Thursday—26th
Finished planting corn in the lot near the house. Cleaned a lot of rye for the market.

Friday—27th
Went to Beardstown, and returned home late. Received a letter from Mrs. T. H. Smith.

Saturday—28th
Went to Jacksonville. Came to Major Simms' by sunset. All well.

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*Harriet A., later Mrs. John H. Goodell.

Sunday—29th
Attended Meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Returned to Maj. Simms.' Cool for the season.

Monday—30th
Came home after dining with Dr. Prosser's.

May—1838: Tuesday, 1st
Commenced listing in the cornfield. Evening rainy.

Tuesday—8th
Finished planting corn.

Wednesday—9th
Raked and cleaned off corn stalks in second cut of corn.

Thursday—10th
Ebin Dutch worked at home today. Laid off second cut preparatory to listing.

Friday—11th
Listing corn. Considerable frost this morning.

Saturday—12th
Having finished listing, commenced planting corn in second cut.

Monday—14th
Finished planting corn. Evening plowed down part of old ditch.

Tuesday—15th :May, 1838
Hauled wood. Cleaned up balance of rye, ready to take it to market. My corn in the lot near the house planted the 25th is just coming up.

Wednesday—16th
Went to Beardstown with balance of rye, accompanied by H. L. Dutch. Very warm and sultry.

Friday—18th
Went to Ashley Hickey's, and got my boots mended.

Monday—21st
Major Dutch and myself went to Beardstown. County Court in session. First term. By invitation we came out as far as Mr. Beard's to pass the night.

Tuesday—22nd
Having been very politely and pleasantly entertained, we returned to Beardstown accompanied by Mrs. Beard, formerly Widow Dickerman, a very ladylike and interesting woman. We, the Whigs, have succeeded in managing and putting things so far in train as to set and hold on to a full Whig ticket. Thomas Beard is to be the candidate for the next Legislature, (of the Bottom), McHenry Brady, (North Prairie) Commissioner, Thomas Lauders (Bottom) County Clerk, Mr. Oliver, (Virginia) for Sheriff, the County Treasurer not decided, and Holmes, County Surveyor. As the School Commissioners are under the control and direction of the C. C. Court this is reserved for myself if I choose to accept it. Returned home.

Thursday—24th
Received letters from Father and Dr. Prosser.

Friday—25th: May, 1838
My horse is low in health. I administered about ½ ounce of aloes, dissolved in whiskey, mixed with ½ pint of castor oil, and a portion of castile soap.

Saturday—26th
Went into the bottom with Mr. Reavis and killed some crows to hang in the garden. Cold for the season.

Sunday—27th
Eliza and Major Dutch's family went to Virginia to Meeting. I attended, by a very special invitation, repeated and argued by the individuals of the Church, the Sabbath School at Mr. Ingalls.

Monday—28th
Helping Eliza make soap. SOME FROST. Cold.

Thursday—31st
Replanting corn in the lower field. Preparing to go to Jacksonville to the Presbyterian Camp Meeting in that vicinity.

June—1838: Friday, 1st
Sat off with Henry Dutch with their wagon and horses accompanied by Mrs. Sew-

all and Sister Abby. Came to Jacksonville by the middle of the P. M. Dry, and the roads are very dusty. Having taken some refreshments at Dr. Prosser's, Henry and myself proceeded on to Bisgar Meeting House, 6 miles east of Jacksonville, to attend a Camp Meeting. We left Eliza and Sister Abby at Dr. Prosser's, who will go to the Grove with Major Simm's family. Put up at the camp ground with my religious friends.

Saturday—2nd
Cold this morning. Order of exercises at the Meeting is as follows: Prayer Meeting in tent as soon as it is light. Prayer Meeting in the congregation as soon as it is sunrise. Breakfast. Preaching at 10 A. M. until noon. Dinner. Preaching again. Supper. Prayer at sundown in tent. Preaching. Return to tents for rest. Eliza, Sister Harriet and family, and Sister Abby came to the Camp Meeting today. All returned except Sister Abby who stayed on the grounds.

Sunday—3rd
Beautiful morning. This has been a day of uncommon interest at the Meeting. Many sinners anxious. There has been a great concourse of ministers present who took part in the exercises: Rev. I. Galliap from Missouri, Rev. Mr. Barr of Carrollton, Rev. Mr. Whitney from Springfield, Rev. Mr. Gridley of the Cumberland Order, a Missionary destined to the West. The people were very solemn and the best of order maintained. Sister Abby, Henry Dutch, and myself took leave of our friends at the camp ground, and reluctantly left there, and came to Major Simms, Diamond Grove, by dark, where I found Eliza.

Tuesday—5th: June, 1838
Sat off for home. Ate at Dr. Prosser's, and arrived home.

Wednesday—6th
Plowing and harrowing corn. Very dry and hot.

Wednesday—13th
Plowing corn. Shower of rain.

Thursday—14th
Went to Beardstown. Heavy rainfall.

Monday—18th
Plowing corn. Fine weather.

Wednesday—20th
Repairing shed of dwelling house.

Thursday—21st
This day is set apart as day of fasting, humiliation and prayer by our little Church. Plowing over corn.

Friday—22nd: June, 1838
Marcus Hickey called on me, and informed me that Rev. Mr. Allan has come into this neighborhood, and will preach tomorrow at 3 P. M. at which time the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Sunday—24th
Attended Meeting at Dr. Chandler's. A good number present.

Monday—25th
Finished plowing over corn in lower field.

Wednesday—27th
Rained the past night. Too wet to plow. Put a new light tongue to my wagon. Went to Dick's and bought 5 bushels of corn at 37½c. Set out cabbage plants.

Friday—29th
Went to Beardstown. Heavy showers of rain. Got very wet.

Saturday—30th
Overhauling hams which are somewhat injured.

July—1838: Sunday, 1st
Attended Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingalls'. Warm.

Monday—2nd to Friday—6th
Plowing corn, but finished today. 14 acres with 2 plows running.

Saturday—7th
Eliza went to Beardstown today in company with Henry L. Dutch and sisters. Plowed only half a day. Ebin did not wish to work in the P. M.

Monday—9th
Harvesting rye. Two cradlers, and 2 binders who worked for $1.25 per day.

Wednesday—11th
Finished the rye and commenced on the wheat. The grain is good, and the crop is fine.

Friday—13th
Finished wheat harvest. Excellent crop, 433 shocks.

Monday—16th: July, 1838
Sowed turnip seed. Making preparation for stacking wheat.

Wednesday—18th
Commenced hauling in, and stacking rye.

Thursday—19th
Stacking rye, and cutting down oats. Two hands employed.

Friday—20th
Finished cutting down the oats a little after dinner. Also finished rye. Have built four good sized stacks and a piece.

Monday—23rd
Binding oats. Cousin Henry Dutch helped me.

Tuesday—24th
Finished binding the oats. Bowers with me today. He helped bind the oats. Shocked the oats in dozen each. 330 shocks. A good crop.

Wednesday—25th
Finished cradling down the spring wheat by noon. Bowers left here. Shocked my spring wheat in dozens. Straw rather short and heads not very large. A good crop I should suppose. This is a new article, and I am not a good judge of its qualities. Major Dutch's family, having gotten sick, and their situation being very uncomfortable in consequence of the mosquitoes and bad water, the Major came up, and concluded to stay with us until they can get better. Sister Abby sick. Cousin Caroline being sick also at Virginia, (where she has been teaching school) and having sent word she wished to be brought home, Cousin Henry and his sister Louise went and brought her here. She endured the fatigue better than was expected. Sister Abby and Cousin Caroline quite sick today. Received a letter from Mother today.

Saturday—28th
Sister Abby able to sit up today. The other two better. Very hot weather.

August, 1938: Wednesday—1st
Major Dutch and Sister Abby have nearly recovered. Cousin Caroline is also recovering fast. Henry L. and Louise have the ague and fever. Do not feel very well myself.

Thursday—2nd
Feel very fatigued in consequence of nursing the sick. Sowed turnip ground over again.

Friday—3rd
Commenced hauling in, and stacking wheat. Hauled about 5 loads per day, 20 shocks each.

Sunday—5th
Attended Sabbath School at Mr. Ingalls'. The sick folks are recovering fast now.

Monday—6th
Went to Beardstown to attend the State Senator's and County Elections. Do not feel well. Returned by sunset.

Friday—10th
Henry received a severe kick from one of the horses which fractured one of his ribs. This happened just at night.

Monday—13th
Hauling in oats. Henry L. and Ebin hauled, and I stacked. Warm and good weather.

Thursday—16th: August, 1838
At home. Nothing interesting occurred.

Friday—17th
Not well. Went to McDonald's Mill.

Monday—20th
Went to Jacksonville accompanied by daughter Catherine. Arrived in Jacksonville

by the middle of the afternoon. Very sickly in Jacksonville, and some deaths among children. Went to the Grove.

Tuesday—21st
Came into town and went to the Branch Bank on the security of D. B. Ayers, and gave me a note for $300.00 at 4 months. Very warm.

Wednesday—22nd
Returned home by dusk.

Thursday—23rd
Bought of Jordan Marshall the Northern place. Paid $225.00, and took a deed. Possession to be given November 1st.

Saturday—25th
Not very well. Caroline sick. Had a relapse.

Sunday—26th
Stayed at home all day. Not very well.

Wednesday—29th
Henry L. Dutch had a hard shake. Took quinine today.

September—1838
Eliza and cousin, and the children rode to the river. Beautiful day.

Wednesday—5th to Saturday—8th
Making hay. Warm and dry.

Sunday—9th to Friday—14th
Warm and dry. Two of the children sick with chills. Also Eliza.

Sunday—16th
Henry had a hard shake today. Sister Abby and Cousin Caroline sick today.

Tuesday—18th
Warm and dry. Sister Abby and son Henry sick with the fever and ague. Eliza and two of the children accompanied me to Jacksonville. (Eclipse of the sun today). Went to the Grove from Jacksonville.

Wednesday—19th: Sept, 1838
Attended the annual commencement at the Illinois College.

Friday—21st
Started home early and came as far as Capt. Dutch's where we made a halt. It being rainy we stayed till after dinner. Came home by night, and found Sister Abby and Cousin Caroline quite sick. Our own family quite well. Son Henry is better, and is at Capt. Dutch's.

Sunday—23rd
Remained at home. Quite unwell. Baby quite sick.

Tuesday—25th
Went to Capt. Dutch's, and spent the night. Carried Catherine with me. Warm and very dry.

Wednesday—26th
Returned home, and brought Henry with me.

Thursday—27th
Hauled water from the river. Hauled wood.

Friday—28th
Gathered a little corn out of the field.

Saturday—29th
Went to Cunningham's horse mill. Quite unwell. Ague and fever.

Sunday—30th
At home all day. Not well.

Monday—1st: October, 1838
Mr. Dutch's family moved out of our house to the Reavis cabin. Charles Reavis came here, and helped me grind my axe part of the forenoon. I have engaged him to help me for a few days at 75c per day, and when he goes to the timber he is to have $1.25. I am quite feeble.

Tuesday—2nd
Charles Reavis and myself cleaned out my well, after which we both went and helped old man Plaster finish his stable. After dinner Charles R. and myself rode into the bottom to look for some logs to make a frame.

Thursday—4th
Getting out wheat. Capt. Dutch assisted me

in the P. M. with two horses, and son Ebin. I had a chill and fever.

Monday—8th
Cleaned up wheat. Not able to do anything myself as I am quite sick. Charles R. and Henry attending to the wheat.

Tuesday—9th
Finished cleaning up wheat, and commenced sowing wheat.

Wednesday—10th
Sowing and planting wheat. Cool weather.

Saturday—13th: October, 1838
Charles R. and myself went to the ford of the Sangamon River, and dug down the banks on the South side so as to render the hauling easier. I expect to be hauling over timber and rails in a few days.

Tuesday—16th
Seeding and plowing in wheat. Running two plows.

Thursday—18th
Very rainy, which is of service to the ground, and to the wheat sowed. No work done today.

Saturday—20th
Attended to working the road in my district. Charles R. worked today, plowing in wheat.

Monday—22nd
Burning off wheat and oats stubble preparatory to sowing wheat.

Thursday—25th: October, 1838
Sowing and plowing in wheat. High wind.

Monday—29th
Hauled wood, and repaired stable. Cool weather.

Tuesday—30th
Went to Beardstown. Finished seeding wheat. Cool.

Wednesday—31st
Went with others and helped Mr. Reavis haul out of the river his ferry boat. Mr. Ashly Hicky has agreed to make me 10,000 rails for $125.00. He commenced today. I bought of him 50 heads of cabbage. Digging potatoes, and putting up cabbage.

November, 1838: Thursday—1st
Went to Beardstown, and purchased a sack of Turk's Island salt. This article is very high, and very scarce. The Illinois River is uncommonly low.

Saturday—3rd
Gathered load of corn out of the lower field. Quite warm for the season. Rivers and streams very low.

Sunday—4th
Capt. Dutch, and Widow Payne dined with us. The children went to Sabbath School. School.

Monday—5th
Snowing quite disagreeably. Put up hogs to fatten.

Tuesday—6th
Ground covered with snow. Cold. Northerns have moved out of the house I bought.

Wednesday—7th
Paid Jordan the balance due him for the Northern place, he having given me possession. Mr. Dutch moved in said house. Hauled out load of corn from the lower field. Charles Reavis has this day agreed to work for me for $15.00 per mnoth, and to do any work to be done.

Friday—9th
Went to Beardstown. Very cold and dry. The ground is frozen hard, and the branches and streams are frozen over. Sent a letter to my father.

Monday—12th: November, 1838
Very rainy all day. The rain prevents the county surveyor from coming today to run a line between Reuben Alexander and myself.

Thursday—15th
Ground covered with snow. Charles and Henry went into the bottom.

Friday—16th
Very cold and severe weather, uncommon for this time of year.

Saturday—17th
Very cold and severe weather. Hauled wood on sled and also moved hay from stack to stable.

Monday—19th
Went over to the Sangamon and fed my hogs. The river has risen some.

Tuesday—20th
Went and hauled home balance of my mulberry stakes due me from George Bonny. Went into the bottom and fed my hogs.

Wednesday—21st
Went to Virginia and had my horses, Ball and Grey, shod, and that, too, in a workmanlike manner. Price for removing and nailing on shoes, per horse, 75c. For new shoes, per horse, $2.00, and for putting on toes, an additional charge of 25c per horse. Having got my horses shod I proceeded on to Princeton, and received my wool rolls from the carding machine, and then home. Suppered at Capt. Dutch's.

Thursday—22nd: November, 1838
Raw and chilly day. Went to Ingram's, and had my scalding tub repaired.

Friday—23rd
Went to the Bottom and slaughtered four of my hogs which have been running on the mast all fall. They were excellent pork. Sangamon River still fordable.

Saturday—24th
Went again to the bottom and slaughtered one other hog that I could not get yesterday. Most of the hogs are wild and hard to slaughter.

Monday—26th
Weighed up, and salted my hogs.

Wednesday—28th
Charles, myself, and son Henry cribbed four loads of corn. Cold.

Friday—30th
Beautiful day. Charles at work. Cribbed 5 loads of corn. The corn is remarkably good this season. Five loads a day is good work, and to do what we have, one must be industrious.

December, 1838: Saturday—1st
Hauled in three loads of corn. Worked but half a day. There are many fires about the prairies.

Monday—3rd
Burned off the prairie around my field.

Tuesday—4th
Warm. Hauled in the crib two loads of corn. Shucked out 5 rows of the 14 acre shift, (which, with the shucks, have every time filled the wagon), and commenced shelling same out to ascertain the quantity raised per acre, and quantity the wagon holds, and the quantity my crib holds.

Wednesday—5th
Ground covered with snow. Very cold. All hands at work indoors shelling corn. Not well myself.

Thursday—6th
Shelling corn. My wagon with sideboards holds 19 bushels in the shuck.

Friday—7th
Henry went to Sutton's Mill with 18 bushels of corn. Killed my beef cow. Meat weighed 450 pounds.

Saturday—8th
Henry came home from the mill, and brought meal. Toll for grinding is 1/5. Cut up, and salted beef.

Sunday—9th
Rode out as far as Capt. Dutch's. Found him much better.

Monday—10th
Hauled wood half a day on sled. Went to the Bottom and carried corn to the sow and shoats.

Tuesday—11th
Hewing meat house logs.

Wednesday—12th
Finished the meat house logs.

Thursday—13th: December, 1838
Hauled in 4 loads of corn.

Friday—14th
Henry and myself hauled two good loads of corn out of the small lot near the house.

Saturday—15th
Mild and pleasant morning. Went to Beardstown, and bought 1½ bushels of salt, for which I had to pay $3.00 per bushel. This is owing to the very low stage of the river.

Tuesday—18th
Cutting wood on the wood lot.

Wednesday—19th
Hauling wood.

Friday—21st
Hauled 2 loads of corn out of the lower field.

Saturday—22nd
Sat off for Jacksonville where I arrived by sunset. Put up at Dr. Prosser's. Attended Meeting at the place where the Presbyterians have fitted up, and are now forming a Church, (the old school). Rev. Mr. Bergen of Springfield preached.

Sunday—23rd
Attended Meeting at the Presbyterian Church (the new school), and heard Rev. Mr. Gridley. P. M. Went to the other Presbyterian Church, and heard Rev. Mr. Todd, the Minister employed. Evening I took tea with Mr. Ayers, and thence I went to the Presbyterian Church, and attended Prayer Meeting. Rev. Mr. Gridley was present, and very interesting and solemn.

Monday—24th: December, 1838
Went to the Branch Bank of Illinois, and paid $30.00 in part principle, and $5.63 interest in advance for 4 months more, and renewed my note. It will be renewable again April 27th next. Took tea with Mr. Ayers.

Tuesday—25th
At Dr. Prosser's. Sat off for home at 1 P. M., where I came by dusk.

Thursday—27th
Slaughtered my hogs.

Friday—28th
Salted away my pork.

Saturday—29th
Removed some hay from stack to stable.

Sunday—30th
At home all day. Mr. and Mrs. Ingall called on us. She presented a subscription lately got up for the purpose of building a Presbyterian Meeting House. I subscribed $100.00.

Monday—31st
Capt. E. I. Dutch called on us, on his way to Beardstown, and I concluded to go down with him. Settled up with the merchants with whom I have been dealing the past year. Returned home late. Capt. Dutch remained with us for the night.

January—1839. Cass County.
Wednesday—2nd
Went up to Norberg's store, and thence home by Squire Bonny's. I brought along with me, and before him executed a deed to Thomas Plaster, Senior. Reuben A. Alexander executed another to me. Had a stray heifer posted. Bad travelling.

Thursday—3rd
Hauled wood. Oiled my harness, and plow shares.

Friday—4th
Went into the bottom to the place where Hickey and his hands are making me a parcel of rails.

Saturday—5th
Son Henry went to Beardstown. By him I sent the deed executed to me by Alexander, to be recorded. High wind from the South.

Sunday—6th
Remained at home all day. I have fed out two stacks of rye, and commenced on the third.

Monday—7th
Very warm morning. Repaired and daubed my house, and chimney. Also the kitchen.

Tuesday—8th
Hauled two loads of wood. Made some stakes on wood lot. Went into the bottom to my lower timber lot where I am having rails made. Stacked up a few, and cut out the road part of the way. Cloudy and warm.

Wednesday—9th
It has rained some during the past night. The ground is thawing considerably and is very soft. Went into the bottom and finished cutting out the road, so as to be ready to haul out rails as soon as the ground is in better order. I have concluded to stack up my rails before I haul them, in order that they become lighter. Stacked a few, and hauled out a light load, but I found the road too soft to haul rails. Very warm for the season.

Thursday—10th
Went into the bottom and stacked rails. Very warm. The ground is settling fast, being mostly thawed through. Some distant thunder and lightning.

Saturday—12th
Cloudy and much colder. Wind N. E. Went into the bottom, and stacked some rails part of the day. Evening raining hard. The Sangamon River is rising.

Sunday—13th
Rainy and damp weather. Remained at home all day.

Monday—14th: January 1839
Rainy and snowy through the day. Sangamon River rising.

Wednesday—16th
Rode up to Mr. Lyons, and had my boots mended. Muddy travelling.

Thursday—17th
BIRTHDAY. 42 years old. Warm. The clover and blue grass are coming up. The streams of water are now swelling considerably.

Friday—18th
Hauled wood.

Saturday—19th
Hauled rails from wood lot, and split some near home in a hollow.

Sunday—20th
At home all day.

Monday—21st
Turned cattle in corn field near the house. Hauled in two loads of corn from the lower field. Beautiful weather.

Tuesday—22nd
Hauled in two loads of corn from the corn field.

Wednesday—23rd: January, 1839
Hauled two loads of corn from the lower field.

Thursday—24th
Finished hauling corn by getting in a part of a load. Beautiful weather. Eliza and myself went out to Capt. Dutch's, and spent the day. Brought home the wheat fan.

Friday—25th
Cloudy, and the appearances of the weather is unfavorable for getting out wheat, which I wish to do. Hauled wood.

Saturday—26th
Breaking down weeds in the clover field.

Sunday—27th
At home teaching the children their Sabbath School lessons.

Tuesday—29th
Cold and severe weather. Went and had Capt. Dutch's mare shod. This mare I am to have at 25c per day with the wagon when I haul rails. I also have his wagon at 25c per day when in actual service.

Wednesday—30th
Very cold and severe weather. The ground is frozen hard.

Thursday—31st
I have this day hired Thomas Thourerman

by the month at $15.00, and to keep his horse, and when in actual service, am to pay him 25c per day for it. Capt. Dutch's horse has broken away from me today, and gone home. Fearing she will not answer to my purpose, have concluded to keep her no longer. Sent Capt. Dutch word accordingly. Tramping out spring wheat. Went to the bottom, and showed the rail makers (Hickey's hands) my East timber lot, they having worked up all the suitable timber in the West lot. The river is rather full, and I can do nothing yet as to hauling rails.

Friday—1st: February, 1839
Getting out wheat. Ground frozen hard. Fine clear weather, and a good time to get out wheat.

Saturday—2nd
Finished tramping out wheat by noon. We have now treaded out one stack of spring wheat. P. M. Cleaned wheat once through fan, and put in gum. Supposed to have about 35 bushels. This wheat is of good quality.

Sunday—3rd
Remained at home all day.

Monday—4th
Cold morning. Hauled wood. Enlarged my tramping yard.

Tuesday—5th
Commenced tramping out winter wheat. Very cold and severe day.

Wednesday—6th
Getting out my wheat. Beautiful and mild day. The river, I hear, is frozen over. Finished tramping out 2 stacks of wheat, and put the same up in rail pen. Eliza went to Dr. Chandler's on a visit.

Friday—8th
Cleaning up, by sweeping the tramping floor. Covered wheat pen. Fanned out (2nd time) some spring wheat. At noon I had Mr. Thourerman, with wagon, horse Ball, and his own horse, with 8 bushels of corn, and about 13 bushels of spring wheat, go to Sutton's Mill. Hauled a load of hay to stable.

Saturday—9th
Hung up my beef and pork for smoking. Cleaned up yard, and kitchen.

Sunday—10th
Remained at home instructing the children. Mr. Thourerman returned home from Sutton's Mill by sundown.

Monday—11th
Hauled 6 loads of wood from wood lot. Thourerman and myself chopped, Henry hauled.

Tuesday—12th
Went into the bottom with Thourerman, and stacked and received rails made by Hickey.

Wednesday—13th and Thursday—14th February—1839
Receiving and stacking rails in bottom. Thourerman with me.

Friday—15th
Receiving and stacking rails. According to my count Hickey lacks 1149 rails of completing his contract.

Saturday—16th
Drove a swarm of bees into a gum with another swarm, and took all the honey from the vacated gum. Commenced cutting and hauling cord wood, preparatory to making brick. Hauled 4 loads of cord wood.

Monday—18th
Went to Bottom and cut cord wood. Hauled 3 loads. Mrs. Capt. Dutch spent the day with us. In the evening she returned. Henry went with her, and carried home the wagon.

Tuesday—19th
Boarded up my Locust trees to prevent sheep from destroying them. Made frame to haul wood on. Went to the rails accompanied by Reavis and Hickey. Found more rails to be stacked. About 700 or 800. Settled with Hickey. Paid him $125.00. To do this I borrowed $68.00, and took Hickey's

obligation of the residue of rails, if any, when recounted, it not being practical to count today.

Thursday—21st
Went to the bottom and hauled rails with my horse and wagon. Threw off on the North side of the river, and came through with part of a load, and unloaded on the South bank. Then returned to the rails. Ground rather soft, and bad hauling, yet I made 5 loads, and 2 home to N. W. corner of field. I could have hauled 6 loads.

Friday—22nd: February, 1839
I went to the rails, but found the ground too soft to do hauling. Hauled 25 rails to the South bank, and then took 5 more which made 30 rails, and came to the N. W. corner where they were deposited for use. This is better than throwing off on the North side, and if the banks were dug down more, and the roads were settled, I could do more hauling. Hauled over all the rails on the North side of the river to the river bank. The river is in good fording stage.

Saturday—23rd
Began smoking my meat.

Monday—25th
Mr. Thourerman and I went over to the rails and stacked the balance shown me by Hickey, which I did not find when I stacked before. P. M. Cut cord wood.

Tuesday—26th
Cutting and hauling wood. Hauled 6 loads. There are now 15 loads hauled.

Wednesday—27th
Cutting and hauling cord wood. Hauled 6 loads today.

March — 1839 Cass County.
Friday—1st
Delivered 16 11/60 bushels of Spring wheat to Thomas Beard to be paid in lumber.

Saturday—2nd
Remained at home all day.

Monday—4th
Breaking down stalks.

Tuesday—5th
Thourerman at work shoe making. I broke down stalks and hauled hay to the stable.

Wednesday—6th
Finished breaking down stalks on wheat ground.

Thursday—7th
Eliza and myself rode out to Capt. Dutch's and passed the day. Mrs. Dutch is much afflicted with rheumatism. Went to a sale at Gain's place, near there.

Friday—8th
Cutting and hauling cord wood. My sister Abby quite sick.

Saturday—9th
Thourerman at work cutting and hauling cord wood. His time is up today. I settled and discharged him.

Monday—11th
At work in the bottom cutting and hauling cord wood. Wm. Marshall (alias General) commenced work with me at $15.00 per month, and if he suits me after one month's trial, he is to work until August, or a less time, if I wish, at the same rate.

Wednesday—13th, Thursday 14th, and Friday 15th: March, 1839
Went to the bottom, and cut fire wood.

Saturday—16th
Finished cutting and hauling fire wood. Made myself a soap trough, and hauled it home. P. M. Repaired the hearth.

Monday—18th
Sat up most of the night at Mr. Reavis's, who is quite sick. Rainy through the day, which stops my business.

Tuesday—19th
Making stakes up the hollow near the house.

Thursday—21st
Received a letter from Father, enclosing $52.00 in U. S. Treasury Notes. Eliza and myself went to Beardstown. The grass is making a little start.

Saturday—22nd
Went down to Widow Pound's sale.

Thursday—27th
Rainy. Went to Reavis's. He has been very sick, but is much better.

Friday—28th
Mr. Reavis is much worse. He asked me to write his will, which I did. He has suffered greatly today. Continued with him through the day, and shall continue with him through the night. Dr. Chandler with him, and will remain through the night.

Saturday—29th
Considerable medicine having been given to Mr. Reavis through the night, he has recovered considerably, and hopes are now entertained for his recovery. Went to Beardstown.

Sunday—30th
Eliza and self spent the day with Mr. Reavis. He has mended considerably, but still needs much attention. I shall remain with him the coming night.

Monday—1st: April, 1839
Commenced getting our grain. Trod out balance of spring wheat, and commenced on oats. Do not feel very well today having been up most of the night. Engaged this day Simon Morse of Beardstown to mold me, as soon as I am ready, 100,000 brick. I am to give him $2.00 per day.

Wednesday—3rd
Cleaning wheat and oats.

Thursday—4th
Cleaning up, and burning up stubble ground preparatory to cropping.

Friday—5th
Sowing spring wheat, and plowing it in.

Monday—9th
Plowed up garden, and planted most of it in potatoes.

Wednesday—10th
A. M. Breaking down weeds in clover field. My clover begins to look very flourishing.

Thursday—11th
Cutting corn stalks.

Saturday—13th
Repairing fence.

Monday—15th to Wednesday—17
April — 1839
Raking stalks on oats ground, and sowing oats near the house.

Thursday—18th
Went to Beardstown, accompanied by Eliza.

Saturday—20th
Moved the meat house. Raking corn stalks on corn ground.

Sunday—21st
Beautiful growing weather. My clover looks delightful and promising. Put horses in clover.

Tuesday—23rd
Went to Virginia, and had some work done at the blacksmith shop. Came home very late.

Wednesday—24th to Thursday—25th
Breaking ground for corn. Using my colts, which are doing very well. Running two plows.

Friday—26th
Very warm day. Plowing for corn. Two plows going. Went fishing with Mr. Reavis.

Monday—29th
Went to Jacksonville, via Mr. Alfred Dutch's, where I dined. Came to Dr. Prosser's by sunset.

Tuesday—30th
Renewed my note in Illinois Branch Bank, Jacksonville. Paid 20% on first principal and interest, amounting to $64.44. Having got through my other business, I started home after dinner. Came as far as Capt. E. I. Dutch's, and was prevailed upon to stay until morning. Most of the people between here and Jacksonville are busily engaged in planting corn.

May, 1839: Wednesday—1st
Came home after breakfast. One plow running.

Thursday—2nd
Two plows running. There is by measure 17 acres of corn ground. Cleaned out meat house and kitchen.

Friday—3rd
Finished plowing for corn, and commenced harrowing over ground.

Saturday—4th
Went to Beardstown.

Sunday—5th
Attended Church at Mr. Robert Leeper's, where Rev. Mr. Hale being present, followed Mr. Leeper, and made some very plain and practical remarks. Evening. Rev. Mr. Hale preached at Dr. Chandler's.

Monday—6th and Tuesday—7th
Furrowing out corn ground.

Wednesday—8th
Went to Beardstown, and hauled home some lumber. Very warm. Made an appointment, by direction of Rev. Mr. Hale, for a protracted meeting to be held at Beardstown, 31st inst. Henry, having learned to furrow out, I gave up the business to him.

Thursday—9th
Made some bee gums. About the middle of the P. M. commenced planting corn.

Friday—10th
Planting corn. Evening showery. Got very wet.

Saturday—11th
Sheriff served a subpoena on me to attend the Court as a witness in the case of Babb vs. Wilkinson on the 21st inst.

Monday—13th
Planting corn. Finished.

Tuesday—14th: May, 1839
Went to Beardstown, and hauled some lumber with two wagons.

Thursday—16th
Went to the Bottom this A. M., and cut poles with forks, preparatory to making brick. P. M. Treading out oats.

Saturday—18th
Cleaned out oats, and measured up about 66 bushel. P. M. Went to the river, and cut and hauled load of poles for shelter for brick. Warm. Corn just making its appearance.

Sunday—19th
Children went to Sabbath School. Mrs. Sewall went to Capt. Dutch's. Warm, and very good growing weather.

Monday—20th
Tramping out wheat. My bees are swarming considerably.

Tuesday—21st
Went to Virginia to attend Court, Babb vs. Wilkinson.

Wednesday—22nd
Making bee gums.

Thursday—23rd: May, 1839
Went to Beardstown, and hauled home a load of planks.

Friday—24th
Cleaned up wheat.

Saturday—25th
Hauled to Beardstown 21½ bushels of wheat, and sold it to the brewery at 75c, on a credit of 60 days. On my return home hauled a load of plank. Got very wet in consequence of the heavy rain which fell this evening.

Monday—27th
Shelling corn, and cleaning out wheat.

Tuesday—28th
Went to McDonald's Mill with corn and wheat. Creek very high.

Friday—31st
Went to Beardstown. Carried in about 6 bushels of sand for Morse and Harris for molding brick, and also corn meal for

Thompson and Farrel. Found Rev. Messrs. Hale and Bascomb there holding a protracted meeting. I, by particular invitation, stopped at Mr. Thompson's. Henry, who was with me, returned home with wagon, and a load of lumber. I attended meeting by candle light.

Saturday—1st: June, 1839
Mrs. Sewall and the children came in to the meeting. Went by invitation to Mr. Hull's, and put up. Mr. Ayers from Jacksonville with us today. Three sermons have been preached today.

Sunday—2nd
At Mr. Tull's. The minister with us, together with Mr. Ayers. The unfavorable appearance of the morning prevents Mrs. Sewall and others from coming in. Three sermons preached today. The people in town have given good attendance, and appeared solemn during the time of preaching.

Monday—3rd
After clearing up Mr. Ayers returned to Jacksonville. My wagon having come in I returned home, accompanied by Mrs. Capt. Dutch, and Mrs. (Widow) Payne. My wagon took out a load of planks, and I rode with the ladies. Went to Capt. Dutch's to accompany the ladies home safely. Here, it being late, I stayed all night.

Tuesday—4th
Up early, and came home to breakfast. Commenced the day plowing corn.

Wednesday—5th
Having employed Amos Smith, and his brother to do some work for me at $1.25 per day each, we went over the Sangamon River, and commenced getting square timber sills and plates for an addition for my house. Did not get to work until 1 P. M. The Sangamon River is rising fast. Went to Mr. Mays, on the other side of the river, near my timber, and put up for the night.

Thursday—6th: June, 1839
Finished getting what timbers I wanted, and with the assistance of May's team (two horses and a wagon), and a ferry boat, we were enabled to get our timber over to the South side of the river. RAINY. Got very wet on returning home in consequence of the high water. River rising very fast. It is already out of its banks.

Friday—7th
Went through the rain with two teams, accompanied by the Smiths, and brought home our timber, though with no small risk and trouble, the waters being very high. We all got very wet.

Saturday—8th
Went to Beardstown, and got a load of lumber.

Monday—10th
Went to Beardstown, and got lumber. Had two wagons, one of which was Capt. Dutch's, which I received this day.

Tuesday—11th
Had an affray with Ebin Dutch, and son Henry, at the Northern place while attempting to bring back some logs which they forcibly took out of my possession yesterday, in my absence. Evening: I invited my neighbors to come and help me raise my house tomorrow.

Wednesday—12th
Beautiful day. My neighbors came together, and put up my house.

Thursday—13th
I was this day arrested on a State Warrant granted on the affidavit of old man Dutch. Went to the trial before Squire Bonny. I was fined $3.00 and costs. The jury could not do otherwise than give a verdict against me according to the evidence. I was compelled to do what I did to get my legal rights, Dutch and son having attacked me.

Friday—14th
Put up the rafters to my house.

Saturday—15th: June, 1839
Went to town, and brought home lumber with two wagons.

Tuesday—18th
Went to Beardstown, and bought 5000 shingles. Commenced mowing clover.

Wednesday—19th
Mowing my clover. Reese Richardson at work at $1.00 per day. Beautiful day.

Friday—21st
Had Henry S. Dutch taken today, by a State Warrant, for assault committed on me at an affray on the morning of the 11th. Jury case. Marcy, Dudley Leeper, William Leeper, old man Hicks, Oren Hicks, and Ingalls constituted the jury. Went through the evidence and proved that H. S. Dutch took violent hold of me, and threw me to the ground. Louisa Dutch, his sister, also stated on oath that he was calm and not in anger, she being 10 or 15 rods distance!! My witnesses being close at hand, saw and stated that he was angry in his appearance. Jury returned NO CAUSE OF ACTION. A very prejudiced set. One more action in train for trial, being brought by myself against Ebin Dutch for TRESPASS. Called a new jury, and went into trial. Old man Leeper, Amos, Dick, and Marcus Chandler, Lynn, one of the Lyons, and Price Meyers constituted the jury. After a full hearing the jury retired, and in one hour and a half they returned a verdict giving me $1.00 damages, and the defendants are to pay all costs. By the time we all got home it was about midnight.

Saturday—22nd
Preparing to have a parcel of corn shucked out by my neighbors, who came after dinner, and finished the pile about 11 A. M. Smiths at work on the roof. Richardson mowing.

Monday—24th: June, 1839
Richardson and Bowers mowing clover. The two Smiths at work on the house.

Tuesday—25th
Richardson and Bowers at work mowing clover. Went up to Richmond, and brought home a corn sheller.

Wednesday—26th
Richardson and Bower helping me shell corn on the machine. Did not make much headway until after dinner.

Thursday—27th
Went to Beardstown with Capt. Dutch's, and my own wagon with corn for Foster and Company. Delivered 69 30/55 bushels at 31c.

Friday—28th
Shelling corn.

Saturday—29th
Went to Beardstown with 2 wagons with corn for Foster and Company. Delivered 74 41/56 bushels.

Monday—1st: July, 1839
My house logs are settled so much I have concluded to take them out, and put in their place a frame. Threw down the logs and hauled them out to the side of the lot.

Tuesday—2nd
Commenced hauling in hay. Smiths at work. P. M. All hands at work putting up frame.

Wednesday—3rd
Hauling hay.

Thursday—4th
Independence Day. Mrs. Capt. Dutch and Widow Payne spent the day with us.

Friday—5th
Finished mowing hay over today.

Saturday—6th
Beautiful day. Hauling hay. A. M. Bowers and Richardson shucking and shelling corn at 75c per day.

Sunday—7th
Remained at home all day.

Monday—8th
Commenced harvesting wheat.

Friday—12th
Harvesting. Bowers cradling. James Marshall binding. Cool weather. Delightful time for harvesting.

Saturday—13th: July, 1839
Harvesting. Bowers and Richardson cradling. J. Marshall and Thompson binding. The Smiths at work on the house. Rather warm today. Henry went to Beardstown and brought home shaved boards, and weather boarding planks.

Sunday—14th
Eliza and most of the children went to Mr. Coles', and heard preaching. Evening. Slight shower of rain.

Monday—15th
Bowers and Richardson cradling, and Thompson binding.

Tuesday—16th
Harvesting.

Thursday—18th
Harvesting. Finished cutting fall wheat. Bowers sick. I cradled myself.

Friday—19th
Harvesting. Cut down spring wheat. Warm day. Richardson has worked 6 days, Bowers 5½ days, Thompson 6 days, and James Marshall 2 days.

Saturday—20th
Settled with and discharged Jackson Marshall. Shocked up spring wheat.

Sunday—21st
Remained at home. Hard rain last night.

Monday—22nd
Very wet. Set up some of my wheat shocks which have fallen. Preparing stack yard for stacking wheat. Smiths at work.

Thursday—25th: July, 1839
Shower of rain last night. Grain too wet to stack. Very sultry weather. Painting windows in new house.

Friday—26th
Went to Beardstown with my own horse, and Capt. Dutch's wagon, and brought home flooring and sheeting planks.

Saturday—27th
Very warm and rainy. No work done this day by the Smiths. Amos lame in foot, and Benjamin working for himself on box.

Monday—29th
Setting up shocks of wheat which have fallen down. Henry hauled load of sheeting planks from Beardstown.

Tuesday—30th and Wednesday—31st
Amos Smith at work on house. Benjamin absent.

Thursday—1st: August, 1839
Hauling in wheat. Running one wagon. Warm.

Friday—2nd
Rainy a little. Went to Capt. E. I. Dutch's, and helped him haul and stack his grain. Myself and son Henry, wagon, and 3 horses in his service. Warm.

Saturday—3rd
At Capt. Dutch's. Finished hauling in grain by noon. P. M. Came home.

Sunday—4th
Went to Mr. Ingall's to correct a report circulating by the Dutch's, wherein my character is liable to be injured.

Monday—5th
Election day. Painting house. Went and voted at Van Naulston's. Supper at Mr. Marcus Chandler's.

Tuesday—6th
Considerable rain fell last night which prevented my hauling grain today. Painting house.

Wednesday—7th
Hauling and stacking grain. Mr. Thompson helped me half a day.

Friday—9th
Hauling grain part of the day. Much of the wheat is damaged by the great rain last night. Ezra Dutch is helping me.

Saturday—10th: August, 1839
Hauled grain with one wagon, and then sat off for Jacksonville. Stopped within four miles at Mr. Luramore's.

Sunday—11th
Went to Jacksonville trying to collect rents, but cannot succeed. Went out to the Grove.

Tuesday—13th
At Major Simms. Cold morning.

Wednesday—14th
Hauling wheat. Running one wagon.

Thursday—15th to Saturday—17th
Finished hauling wheat, and stacking same.

Sunday—18th
Went to Mr. Reavis's, and heard Mr. Rea, Baptist preacher. Capt. Dutch, and part of family, and Mrs. Payne went with us.

March 19th
Making frame around oats, which are down, so my hogs can have them without disturbing other things. Mrs. Sewall made a visit at Mrs. Marcus Chandler's. Warm.

Tuesday—20th
At work making fence around oats.

Wednesday—21st
Warm and dry. Amos Smith at work on the house. Trimming my young apple trees.

Thursday—22nd
Eliza and myself rode out to Capt. Dutch's.

Friday—23rd: August, 1839
Borrowed Mr. Reavis's cattle, and Daniel Scott's plow, and broke up the sod ground on the prairie up the hollow for a yard in which to make brick. Amos Smith at work on the wheel barrow.

Saturday—24th
Went to Beardstown, and hauled home lumber. Amos Smith at work making brick mold for Richardson.

Sunday—25th
Remained at home.

Monday—26th
Commenced working on brick yard lifting off sod, and levelling ground. Reese Richardson engaged with me for 3 months at $44.00. He is to set in work tomorrow.

Tuesday—27th
Warm. R. Richardson commenced to work.

Wednesday—28th to Thursday—29th
At work on brick.

Friday—30th
John, the Dutchman, at work for me at 75c per day. Went to Beardstown with wagon.

Saturday—31st
At Beardstown. Took a load of lumber from the Steam Mill, and came home. After dinner I went towards Jacksonville.

Sunday—1st: September, 1839
At Mr. Montgomery's. After breakfast proceeded on to Jacksonville, where I arrived in time to hear preaching. Attended the Presbyterian Church. It was also a season of Communion of the Church. I enjoyed it. Dined with D. B. Ayers. After P. M. rode out to Dr. Prosser's, who lives now on his farm 3½ miles south of Jacksonville. Not well myself. Their little son, having been real sick, is much better.

Monday—2nd
At Dr. Prosser's. I have been very sick all night with cholera morbus. Feel weak this morning. Rode to Jacksonville and renewed my note at Branch of State Bank. Put up a new note for $150.00, at 4 months, renewable again January 5th next. Returned to Dr. Prosser's, and took dinner, and then came on to the Grove. Stopped at Maj. Simms', not being able to return home.

Tuesday—3rd
Returned home. Found all well.

Thursday—5th
Amos and Benjamin Smith at work. Harris, the brickmolder, at work at $2.00.

Friday—6th
All hands at work. Commenced molding brick. The clay has the appearance of making first rate brick.

Saturday—7th
Amos and Ben Smith at work on the house. About 3 P. M. Harris molded the residue

of mud left from yesterday. Settled before Thomas Plaster and Amos Hager, the account existing between Henry L. Dutch and myself, including rent of the Northern place and all the rails and stakes that have been hauled there. Balance due him——?

Sunday—8th
Cloudy part of the day with slight showers. Harris and myself racked up about 1500 brick. Borrowed of Capt. Dutch 75 pounds of flour.

Monday—9th to Friday—13th
Sept.—1839
All hands at work.

Saturday—14th
Rainy. No work going on in the brick yard. Reese absent. Harris sick. Harris has taken 3 doses of Epsom Salts.

Sunday—15th
Much rain last night. This has much the appearance of an Equinoctial storm. Harris sick with the ague and fever.

Monday—16th
Went to Beardstown. Harris worked in the afternoon placing brick in the kiln.

Thursday—19th
Went to Jacksonville. John, the Dutchman, at work for me, and the rest of the hands also at work. Came to Jacksonville at noon. Suppered at Mr. Ayers. Heard a sermon by Dr. Beacher from Cincinnati.

Friday—20th
Beautiful weather. Attended a Synod Meeting in Jacksonville.

Saturday—21st
Came home. All hands at work.

Sunday—22nd
At home all day.

Monday—23rd: Sept., 1839
At work in brick yard.

Thursday—26th
Harris went to Beardstown. White frost this morning. Reese and son Henry at work in the brick yard. Amos Smith at work on the house.

Friday—27th
Cold and clear. All hands at work except Harris, who is in Beardstown.

Monday—30th
Amos Smith at work. Harris sick. Reese absent, and nothing doing in the brick yard.

October—1839
Tuesday—1st to Saturday—5th
All at work. Smiths on house, and Harris in the brick yard.

Sunday—6th
Showery, which prevented us from attending Meeting.

Monday—7th
Harris at work setting brick in kiln. Reese Richardson worked ¾ day. I attended the County Court as a grand juror, now sitting in Virginia.

Tuesday—8th
Went to Virginia, and attended Court as a grand juror.

Wednesday—9th to Friday—11th
Hands at work.

Saturday—12th
Cloudy all day. Harris molded bricks most of the day. Cyrus wheeling in clay. Reese at work.

Sunday—13th: October, 1839
Attended Divine worship among the Baptists at Coles.

Wednesday—16th
Finished molding at noon. Harris set brick in kiln in the P. M.

Friday—18th
Harris worked ½ day setting brick in kiln. Reese filling pit.

Saturday—19th
Cool. Little rain. Securing brick. Harris setting brick finished on the East side of kiln. Reese filling pit.

Monday—21st to Saturday—27th
Molding brick. Harris at work. Warm for the season.

Monday—28
Reese Richardson absent from work. No work in the brick yard. Harris did not work.

Tuesday—29th
Made pen, and put up hogs to fatten. Harris worked in the brick yard. Warm.

Thursday—31st
Reese Richardson at work. Walling and casting up kiln for firing. Harris sick with ague and fever.

Friday—1st: November, 1839
Finished walling brick kiln.

Saturday—2nd
Went to Beardstown.

Monday—4th
The brick kiln, supposed to hold 50,000 brick, being in readiness for burning, we put fire to them this morning. Reese Richardson attended to the kiln this day, and half of the night. Son Henry and myself attended it the other half of the night.

Tuesday—5th
Attending to the brick kiln. Son and myself fighting fire which came on us from the west. Much fatigued. Harris and Reese at the kiln fore part of the night, and son Henry and myself the latter part of the night.

Wednesday—6th
It has been a very blustery time this night. Ground covered with snow. Son Henry and myself have had a very severe time at the kiln through the past night.

Thursday—7th
Attended the brick kiln. Evening. Part of my plank shelter took fire, and consumed 7 or 8 planks. Son Henry and self took the first part of the night for the kiln, and Harris and Reese took the latter part. The kiln is now half burned. The weather is cold and blustery.

Friday—8th
Having finished firing the kiln on the North side stopped up the mouths and began on the South side. White frost.

Saturday—9th
Mr. Reavis, and some of the neighbors attempted to move the school house, but had not teams sufficient. Postponed the business until another day. Finished burning kiln, and closed up the arches at 8 P. M.

Sunday—10th
Remained at home.

Monday—11th: November, 1839
Rather cold and damp. Making pens for stock hogs, which break into my cornfield.

Tuesday—12th
Went to Beardstown, and Harris, who has finished the brick kiln, went with me.

Thursday—14th
Went to the mill. Cold and chilly.

Friday—15th
Opened my brick kiln, and commenced hauling to the house brick for my chimney. Hauled 2009 today.

Saturday—16th
Collecting sand and clay, the materials for the chimney to the dwelling house. Hauled corn.

Monday—18th
Went to Beardstown, and brought home Lynn and Morse, who have engaged to build my chimneys.

Tuesday—19th
Commenced building chimney. Amos Smith, and Mr. Morse at work.

Wednesday—20th to Saturday—23rd
Very cold weather. Hands at work on chimney.

Sunday—24th: November, 1839
Snowing a little.

Monday—25th
The Sangamon River has frozen over in some places.

Friday—29th
Mr. Morse finished building the East chimney by noon. Cloudy and damp.

Saturday—30th
Henry and myself walling in East room.

Sunday—1st: December, 1839
At home with the family. Moderate weather.

Monday—2nd
Hauling corn. Moderate weather.

Tuesday—3rd
About noon Mr. Morse came here, and commenced on the North chimney, (kitchen) and oven. Hauled the materials together for building the same. Weather moderate.

Wednesday—4th to Saturday—7th
Mr. Morse at work on chimney. He has nearly finished the oven.

Sunday—8th
Henry and Catherine rode to Mr. Coles' to Meeting. Ground covered with snow.

Monday—9th
Hauling corn and wood.

Tuesday—10th
Mr. Morse returned to Beardstown, and will not finish the North chimney until the weather moderates. Sent to the mill. Much colder.

Friday—13th: December, 1839
Henry and myself hauled in a load of corn. P. M.: Snowing rapidly. About two inches of snow on the ground.

Monday—16th
Cutting and hauling wood part of the day.

Tuesday—17th
Amos Smith took his cattle away that I sold him. I went over the Sangamon River with two of my horses as far as John Rogers' for the puprpose of having them shod, but as he was sick I could not get it done. Put up at Mr. Smith's. Ground still covered with snow.

Wednesday—18th
At Mr. Smith's. Went and showed him my East timber lot where he is to get out some framing timber for barn and other buildings. Came home to dinner.

Thursday—19th
Sat off for Jacksonville in wagon. Came to Dr. Prosser's by 3 P. M. This has been a cold and disagreeable day. Went by the way of Virginia, and Marshalls, New Lexington, to Jacksonville. I think this is the best route.

Friday—20th
At Dr. Prosser's. Not having got through my business in time to get home, I went out to Maj. Simms', and spent the night. Snowing.

Saturday—21st
It snowed all night. About 8 or 10 inches of snow on the ground. After breakfast sat off for home where I came by dusk. This has been a very disagreeable day, having to break the track most of the way. The snow has drifted some, and most of us have our corn to gather yet.

Sunday—22nd
Cloudy, and the weather is somewhat moderated. Quite a wintery appearance. It is feared there will be another winter of the Deep Snow. Thus far the weather has been very changeable. At home all day.

Monday—23rd: December, 1839
Hauled wood and corn. Very disagreeable getting around with the wagon as there is so much snow on the ground. Night—thawing considerably.

Tuesday—24th
Went to Beardstown with the wagon, and bought 2 bushels of alum salt. Wind West, and very cold. Illinois River closed.

Wednesday—25th
Cloudy, and moderate weather. P. M.: The sun came out very pleasantly. Christmas. Hauled wood, and material for bob-sled.

Thursday—26th
Made bob-sled. Killed my fattening hogs. Total pounds, 1482.

Friday—27th
Hauled load of corn, and cut up my hogs.

Tuesday—31st
Beautiful day. Hauled wood.

Wednesday—1st: January, 1840
Went out to Alfred Dutch's. Clear weather.

Thursday—2nd
Went to Amos Hager's, where I have been summoned to appear before them to answer unto Reese Richardson on the sum of $32.68 with interest from date of December 11th, last. Clear part of the day.

Friday—3rd
Went to Jacksonville with a two horse sled. Came to Dr. Prosser's by noon, and then went to the Grove to Maj. Simms'. Weather moderate.

Saturday—4th
Paid $60.00 on part of the note this day to the Branch of State Bank, and $1.90 interest in advance for the next 4 months. Balance then due will be $90.00 payable May 7th next. Came home as far as Mr. Marshall's, where I stopped.

Sunday—5th
Attended Meeting at a Mr. Thompson's, where Rev. Mr. Corby preached. After dinner came home. Clear day.

Monday—6th
Hauled corn, and went to Capt. Dutch's, and brought wheat fan home.

Tuesday—7th
Cleaned off stack grain preparatory to thrashing out wheat with machine. Thawing fast.

Wednesday—8th
Hauled wood. Sold James Plaster two year-old heifers for $26.00, to be settled in the way of Morse and Harris.

Thursday—9th
Summons served on me today to answer to C. I. Norbury and Co. in the sum of $22.52 in the hands of Charles Garland of Beardstown. Judgment to be entered January 11th, and costs.

Monday—13th: January, 1840
Hauled corn. Clear weather.

Tuesday—14th
Hauled wood. Thrashing machine having come up, I made preparations for getting out my wheat.

Wednesday—15th
Thrashed wheat all day.

Friday—17th
Birthday. 43 years old. Thrashed wheat.

Saturday—18th
Finished thrashing wheat today. It has thawed a little.

Monday—20th: January, 1840
Hauled in corn. Cleaned up 16 bushels in readiness for the mill, two of which I owe to Capt. Dutch, and four more they wish to borrow. The balance will be left at McDonald's Mill.

Wednesday—22nd
Went to McDonald's Mill, and got my wheat ground. Henry hauled wood, and then came to the mill, and brought home the flour.

Friday—24th
Cut and hauled wood.

Saturday—25th
Not well. Kept in house.

Monday—27th
Hauled corn. Cold N. E. wind, and snowing.

Friday—31st
Commenced making sleds.

Sunday—2nd: February, 1840
Eliza and myself went to Capt. Dutch's. Cold and clear.

Monday—3rd
At work on sleds.

Tuesday—4th
Went to the bottom to cut and haul wood.

Finding the river of sufficient thickness, I went on to my rails on upper or East lot and hauled 150 rails.

Wednesday—5th
Finished my other sled so as to be in readiness to haul out rails.

Thursday—6th
Very great change in the weather. The snow is all gone from the ground. The ground is soft and muddy. The weather warm. Cannot haul out rails for the present. Made a fence across the lot near the house.

Friday—7th
Went to the bottom and hauled out a load of wood. Went to the river. The ice weakened considerably, and the river is rising.

Sunday—9th
The frost is still coming out of the ground.

Monday—10th
Received a letter from E. I. Wilbourn requesting me to be in readiness for making survey of the land to be set off to them from the S. W. part of the timber lot on the North side of Sangamon River. Pleasant weather, but muddy. Went to Mr. Plaster, and engaged him to carry the chain on survey tomorrow.

Tuesday—11th: February, 1840
Went on the survey, accompanied by Thomas Plaster, when I met Mr. Wilbourn, and Mr. Pollock, Surveyor, in readiness to make the survey. Before proceeding, I proposed to Mr. Wilbourn that if when the survey should be completed, and his 40 acres set off agreeable to the tender of the deed, it should appear that I had made rails on his part, that he should take the rails, and pay me for the amount they cost me. This he agreed to do. We proceeded on to the river. We enclosed 40 acres. Returned home. Mr. Wilbourn and Mr. Pollock put up for the night. Dined at Wilcox's. River is rising considerably.

Wednesday—12th
After an early breakfast Mr. Wilbourn and Mr. Pollock and myself returned to the land survey, and made certain marks and measures to make more certain the marks at another date the exact line, that line to be decided upon as soon as it shall be satisfactorily found that a small fraction or 7 or more acres will, or will not be thrown in when originaally surveyed. If it is not a part of my entry then I lose more land, and must part with a large quantity of rails, but if it is a part of my entry then I will not lose the land, and a much less quantity of rails. Dined at Mr. Wilcox's. Business finished by early dinner. Mr. Pollock, while at my house, plotted, and found the area surveyed yesterday to contain 48 acres.

Thursday—13th
Hauled load of corn and wood.

Friday—14th
Great change in the weather. Wind has blown all night. Very cold. Ground frozen hard.

Monday—17th
Hauled wood and corn. Warm wind from the south.

Tuesday—18th
Eliza and myself went to Plaster's to dine. Springlike weather.

Wednesday—19th: February, 1840
Showery. River out of its banks.

Thursday—20th to Saturday—22nd
Hauled corn. Overhauled straw. Night very foggy. John heled me ½ day.

Monday—24th
Gathered corn. Ground frozen hard. Mr. Logan served a summons on me for the amount of Jackson Marshall.

Wednesday—26th
Finished gathering corn by noon. Henry and myself hauled wood. John, the Dutchman, has helped 3 days. Very warm day.

Thursday—27th
Henry and myself cleaned up the wheat.

Friday—28th
Went to Beardstown. Eliza aaccompanied me. Roads very muddy, especially near town. Illinois river very high, and still rising.

Saturday—29th
Being rather late before we got through our business in Beardstown, we came out as far as Reuben Hager's, and put up for the night.

Sunday—1st: March, 1840
Attended Meeting near Mr. Coles'. Spring-like weather.

Wednesday—4th
Mr. Morse finished the kitchen chimney. Cool North wind. John Nicklow helped us clean wheat.

Thursday—5th
Went to Beardstown with load of wheat, with four horses. I have returned to Reavis 35 bushels of wheat I borrowed last fall by hauling it to Wilbourn Mill.

Friday—6th
Went to Beardstown with 4 horses and a wagon with a load of wheat. Delivered 36 12/56 bushels of wheat.

Saturday—7th
Went to Jacksonville. Roads quite muddy in consequence of the rain which fell last night. Stopped at Dr. Prosser's.

Sunday—8th: March, 1840
At Major Simms'. Came into Jacksonville. After settling my business after dinner came home. Arrived by dark. Bought a parcel of peach trees.

Tuesday—10th
Cloudy and cooler. Mr. Dutch moved out of the Northern place. John Nicklow, my renter, moved in. Henry, two horses, and myself helped John move in.

Wednesday—11th
Went to Beardstown with 4 horses and wagon with wheat. Very cold morning, and the ground is frozen. Some ice. John N., and Henry fanned out wheat.

Thursday—12th
Hauled wood, and loaded up my wagon for the purpose of going to town.

Friday—13th
Went to Beardstown with a load of wheat. The load was 36 bushels. I have now delivered to the town steam mill for the use of Leonard H. Wilkey 127 15/60 bushels at 50c to apply as part payment on note given Dec. 24th, last.

Saturday—14th
Laid hearth to kitchen chimney.

Monday—16th
Went and helped Pleasant Scott remove a house.

Tuesday—17th
Went to town with a load of wheat. Hauled 37 bushels to Wilbourn Mill.

Wednesday—18th
Cleaning up wheat. John N. helped ½ day. I went to the mill, and brought home mail.

Thursday—19th: March, 1840
Went to Beardstown. Cold and backward weather. Hauled to Wilbourn Mill 37 45/60 bushels of wheat.

Friday—20th
Hauled wood. This has been a disagreeable day on account of the cold.

Saturday—21st
Some ice in branches. Cleaned up 11 bushels of wheat. Took down pen.

Wednesday—25th
Clear weather. At work on fence.

Thursday—26th
Went to Beardstown. Henry helped John N. haul his stack of wheat, with two horses and a wagon.

Friday—27th
At work on the fence.

Saturday—28th
Went to Virginia and attended a Whig convention for the purpose of selecting candidates for the August election. A. L. West

was nominated for Representative, John Savage for sheriff, and Marcus Chandler and Henry Huffman for County Commissioners. This day I resigned my office as Constable.

Sunday—29th
Attended Meeting at Squire Bonny's. Mr. Leeper preached.

Tuesday—31st
Henry hauled a load of wood. Snowing. Cold.

Thursday—2nd: April, 1840
At work on fence.

Friday—3rd
Raking stalks at the North corn place. Warmer.

Saturday—4th
Made a stalk rake. John N. went to town with wagon and two horses.

Sunday—5th
Eliza and self rode out to Dutch's. Rained in the evening.

Monday—6th
At Capt. Dutch's. We have been detained here by the rain. Came home. Cold and damp. Mr. H. West, who has been engaged to instruct school in this neighborhood commenced today. Hauled wood.

Tuesday—7th
Preparing ground for oats at the Northern place. Worked ½ day.

Wednesday—8th
Finished raking stalks, and began to rake them over again, and finished by noon. John N. sowed the oats, and I began to harrow them in with 4 horses.

Friday—10th: April, 1840
Finished harrowing in oats. Very warm.

Saturdaay—11th
Considerable rain fell last night. Went to Jacksonville. Found the road very muddy. Stopped at Dr. Prosser's.

Sunday—12th
Attended Meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Went to Major Simms'.

Monday—13th
At Jacksonville. Sister Harriet having concluded to accompany me home, I concluded to remain until tomorrow morning.

Tuesday—14th
Sat off for home accompanied by Mrs. Simms, son William, and daughter Adeline. Arrived by the middle of the P. M.

Wednesday—15th
Plowed garden. D. B. Ayers and the County Surveyor dined with us.

Thursday—16th
Finished plowing the garden. Mrs. Simms returned home.

Friday—17th
Heavy gust of rain, and great wind. Harrowed the garden.

Saturday—18th
Planted potatoes in garden. Clear and growing weather. Judgment obtained this day against me in the favor of H. Foster on my note to Beard and Company for $73.00 or more.

Sunday—19th: April, 1840
Attended Meeting at Coles. Heard Mr. Caldwell and Biddlecon.

Monday—20th
Plowing orchard ground near house for corn.

Tuesday—21st to Saturday—25th
Plowing for corn. Snowy, and rather a wet season. The farmers are mostly backward in preparing for corn.

Sunday—26th
Dark, drizzly, and cold.

Monday—27th
Finished furrowing out for corn in the orchard ground.

Tuesday—28th to Thursday—30th
Sowed cabbage plants, and other seeds.

Planted orchard ground. Set out the first apple trees that I have raised myself, which are four years old this spring.

Friday—1st: May, 1840
Raking stalks in the corn field, and commenced listing for corn.

Monday—4th to Wednesday—6th
Listing for corn. Eliza and myself went to Jacksonville. Found the roads rather muddy. The farmers are very busy planting corn. Stopped at Dr. Prosser's, and then went on to the Grove.

Friday—8th
Rainy. At the Grove. Eliza and myself came to Jacksonville and stopped at Dr. Prosser's. Cold and wet weather.

Saturday—9th
Renewed my note at the Branch Bank of Illinois by giving a new note for $90.00, payable in 7 months. At noon came home accompanied by Dr. Chandler's daughter Jane, who is attending school in Jacksonville. Arrived home by sunset.

Sunday—10th
Remained at home.

Wednesday—13th: May, 1840
Finished plowing for corn.

Friday—15th
Henry planted listed ground. I began to harrow over the West cut, which has considerable wheat stubble, corn stubble, etc.

Saturday—16th
Planted listed ground. Warm.

Monday—18th
Began furrowing out stubble ground.

Tuesday—19th
John Nicklow finished planting my ground he rented. Furrowing out stubble ground. Considerable shower of rain.

Wednesday—20th
Hired John Frye at $12.50 per month, to work on farm. Finished furrowing out corn ground, and began cropping.

Thursday—21st
Finished planting stubble ground. John Nicklow helping me. Clear and cold.

Friday—22nd: May, 1840
Eliza and myself went to Beardstown. Cool weather. Replanting orchard.

Saturday—23rd
Repairing fence around corn field.

Sunday—24th
At home.

Monday—25th
John Frye left me mysteriously!!

Tuesday—25th to Saturday—30th
Repairing fence at Northern place. Finished. Plowing over corn in the orchard.

Sunday—31st
Attended Meeting at Mr. Coles.'

Monday—1st: June, 1840
Plowed corn in the orchard. P. M.: Went to Marcus Chandler's in order to make arrangements to go to Springfield in company with him, and others in this neighborhood to attend the State Convention of Whigs to be held there the 3rd and 4th instant.

Tuesday—2nd
Sat off early for Springfield with wagon, accompanied by Marcus Chandler, and 12 or 13 others, Whigs from this neighborhood, each having four days provisions, and other preparations for camping out. Heavy travelling in consequence of the rain which fell last night. Fell in with another Whig Company, the Cass County delegation at the head of the Richland timber. Passed the Schuyler delegates. Camped within 5 miles of Springfield. Heavy showers of rain.

Wednesday—3rd
Up early, and proceeded on to Springfield, where we arrived about noon. Found quite a number of delegates from other counties already assembled, and encamped, having various banners with mottoes suitable to the interesting occasion. The remainder of the day was taken up by addresses. The

several delegations formed a procession of indefinite length, each having their banners flying, other delegations having boats, canoes, log cabins, etc., proceeded around through the streets of the city. It is supposed there were 10,000 people congregated. I never saw so many people congregated before. Why is it all? How is it that so many people can leave their homes, many having come from distant parts of the state, and at no small expense, at such a busy time of the year? Why is it?!!! Because something is wrong. Our Constitution is lost. Our liberties are endangered, and the people have waked up. The cry is Wm. Harrison for President, and Tyler for Vice-president. The people say by their actions this day that we will not have Van Buren much longer as President, etc. "Harrison and Reform," is the watchword. The procession having moved on to the grove on the North side of town, a large barbecue dinner was made ready for this numerous assemblage. After dinner our Bottom folks left us for home, and stopped at Capt. Bradford's for the night. Amidst all the formidable array of banners, boats, log cabins, men, and women there has been no disorder, no drunkenness, no clamor, or discord.

Friday—5th: June, 1840
Up early, and after breakfast proceeded home where we arrived by the middle of the P. M. There was quite a severe shower we had to encounter on the way.*

Saturday—6th
Worked on the roads with wagon and two horses.

Monday—8th
Henry and myself plowing corn in the orchard.

Tuesday—9th
Finished the orchard before noon. P. M.: Went into the cornfield and began to list the ground.

Wednesday—10th
Finished listed ground, and began on the stubble ground.

Thursday—11th
Plowing stubble ground. Very warm.

Friday—12th
Finished plowing corn in stubble ground.

Saturday—13th
At work cleaning out cellar under new part of the house.

Tuesday—16th
Went to Springfield, and got my land patents. Attended to some business, and then came back to D. Scott's by sunset.

Wednesday—17th
At Mr. Scott's. Returned home. Warm.

Thursday—18th: June, 1840
At work cutting weeds in corn in orchard ground.

Friday—19th
Henry began plowing over listed ground.

Saturday—20th
Henry and myself plowed half a day on listed ground. In the evening we moved the cook stove from the school house.

Sunday—21st
Heard old man Plaster preach at the Northern place.

Monday—22nd
Plowing corn. Henry and myself finished listing the ground, and began stubble ground.

Friday—26th
Went to Emmerson's Mill on Indian Creek with wheat. Capt. Dutch went with me. This has been a very sultry day. There has been a tremendous rain and storm since we have come to the mill, which enables us to have our grain ground.

Saturday—27th
Have been most of the night attending to the grinding of the grain. The creeks are very full. Sat off for home at sun up. The storm has been more violent than it has been at the mill. Much of my own fence, and the neighbors, also, has been laid flat

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*Note time occupied in going to rally.

by the storm. The oats and wheat much injured. Corn prostrated, but I think it will rise of its own self. Repairing fence.

Sunday—28th
Quite unwell. Took oil. Warm.

Tuesday—30th
Plowing over listed ground.

Wednesday—1st: July, 1840
Cool for the season. Plowing over listed ground. The corn is growing fast.

Thursday—2nd
Having finished the listed ground which is now laid by, began plowing stubble ground which is very weedy.

Independence Day. There being preparations made to celebrate through the day at Virginia, I remained at home, and let some of the children go in company with the Capt. E. I. Dutch family.

Monday—6th
Plowing stubble ground.

Wednesday—8th
Finished plowing ground. P. M.: Henry and myself started to cut clover.

Thursday—9th to Saturday—18th: July, 1840
Mowing clover.

Monday—20th
Eliza and myself went to Virginia and took daughter Catherine with us. Left her at Virginia to attend school. She is to board with N. B. Thompson.

Tuesday—21st to Friday—24th
Cutting clover. Sold 4 three-year-old steers for $64.00.

Saturday—25th
Hauled in hay. Mr. Alfred Dutch, wife, wife's sister, and his father, with Capt. Dutch dined with us.

Sunday—26th
Rainy.

Tuesday—28th
Finished mowing clover.

Wednesday—29th
Went to Beardstown with Marcus Chandler. The crops of corn are uncommonly good.

Thursday—30th
Helped John Nicklow haul his wheat. Warm.

Friday—31st
Hauled in John N.'s and my own oats, and stacked them at the Northern place.

Saturday—1st: August, 1840
Eliza and Henry went to Virginia. Fixed up the stable, and put up the 2-year-old colt.

Monday—3rd
Election of County officers. I attended at Carr's in my own precinct, and acted as Clerk of the Election.

Tuesday—4th
Henry commenced school at Virginia. Goes from home on horseback. Col. A. S. West, the Whig candidate for Representative to the Legislature, has the greatest number of votes, and is elected. Also Marcus Chandler (Whig) County Commissioner, and D. Weber, (Whig) Coroner). The opposite party (Van Buren) have elected the old Sheriff Plaster, and Scott for Commissioner.

Wednesday—5th
Went to the ford, accompanied by John N., and repaired the road on both sides of the river preparatory to hauling some rails, the river being at a suitable stage of water for such business. Evening: brought home 22 rails.

Thursday—6th to Saturday—8th
Hauling rails. I was summoned to attend at Sq. Bonny's as a juror in a suit of Hagen vs. Wells. The horse flies are very bad,, but in the Bottom it is remarkable how they do not bother. Two wagon and teams can haul home 280 rails a day.

Sunday—9th
Warm. Attended Meeting at Mr. Coles.' Rev. Mr. Daniels preached. Two of Mr. Coles' sons were baptised by immersion.

Monday—10th: August, 1840
John N. went to Beardstown with one of my horses. I hauled rails.

Tuesday—11th to Saturday—15th
Hauling rails. Henry and myself repairing fence west side of improvement ditch.

Monday—17th
At work on ditch, plowing the same down, and making it level. Placing thereon a good and substantial worm fence.

Tuesday—18th to Saturday—22nd
John N., Henry and myself at work on ditch.

Sunday—23rd
At home all day.

Monday—24th
At work on ditch.

Tuesday—25th
Went to the East timber lot, and cut out a road, and hauled rails.

Thursday—27th
Hauled two loads of rails from the East timber lot. This has been a very warm day.

Friday—28th
Eliza and Henry went to Virginia.

Saturday—29th
Very warm. Henry and myself at work on fence on North side of improvements.

Monday—31st
Finished making fence on North side of improvements. Cool and clear.

Tuesday—1st: September, 1840
Helepd John Nicklow haul part of the day.

Wednesday—2nd
Sick with a slight chill.

Thursday—3rd
Not well. Henry and Catherine went to Jacksonville on a visit to Simms. Cool for the season. Cutting prairie grass.

Friday—4th
Eliza went to Beardstown. Feel a little better today.

Saturday—5th
Mowing and putting up hay. Henry and Catherine returned from Jacksonville.

Sunday—6th
Remained home all day.

Monday—7th
Began to haul in hay, but a little rain prevented. Commenced feeding hogs in grain corn.

Tuesday—8th to Saturday—12th: Sept. 1840
Hauling hay and cutting grass. Appearances of rain.

Sunday—13th
Attended Meeting at Mr. Coles' with the family.

Monday—14th
Rainy. Henry and Catherine went back to school. They have been absent two weeks.

Tuesday—15th
Went to Pleasant Scott's, and borrowed 2½ bushels of corn. Catherine commenced boarding with the teacher.

Friday—18th
Began to cut up corn for winter feed. Helped John N. haul in hay.

Saturday—19th
Cutting up hay. Good weather.

Monday—21st
White frost. Went and hauled home a small load of timber for further building. Cut up and stacked corn for winter feed.

Thursday—24th: Sept., 1840
Went to Beardstown. On return found Mr. D. B. Ayers at my house.

Friday—25th
Went to Jacksonville. Stopped at Dr. Prosser's.

Saturday—26th
At Dr. Prosser's. After dinner sat off for home via Virginia, accompanied by Professor Sturdevant, who has an appointment at Virginia tomorrow to preach. Stopped at Rev. Hornes to put up. There has been a

slight shower, which has made a change in the weather.

Sunday—27th
At Rev. Mr. Hornes, in company with Professor Sturdevant. He preached at Virginia in the forenoon, and in the P. M. gave another address. I returned home.

Monday—28th
Hauled wood part of the day.

Tuesday—29th
Went to the Bottom, and hauled home from the East lot 45 rails. Rather muddy in the timber.

Wednesday—30th
Repairing wagon. Warm and wet weather.

Thursday—1st: October, 1840
Attended Circuit Court at Virginia, being summoned as one of the jurors.

Friday—2nd
Attended Circuit Court. Very cold. Change in the atmosphere.

Saturday—3rd
Considerable frost. Some ice. Gathered a load of corn for feeding the horses.

Monday—5th
Helping John Nicklow thrash wheat.

Tuesday—6th to Thursday—8th
Hauled home rails, and helped John N. thrash out wheat.

Saturday—10th
Made a rail pen, and put up hogs to fatten. They mostly are in good condition, having been feeding them the past month.

Sunday—11th: October, 1840
Attended Meeting at Sq. Bonny's. Cooler weather.

Monday—12th
John N. commenced seeding wheat at the Northern place.

Tuesday—13th
Hauled corn up to Fay's Mill.

Thursday—15th
Amos Smith commenced work. We went into the bottom, and commenced cutting poles for rafters, and ribs for porch deck and stable which I am preparing to put up. I hauled home hewed timbers which Amos has made some time since. Cool weather.

Friday—16th to Saturday—17th
Hauled home timbers, and corn. Amos at work cutting rafters.

Monday—19th
Hauled timbers. The river is rising. Opened section 34 between Geo. Marshall and myself.

Tuesday—20th to Saturday—24th
October — 1840
At work in the Bottom getting out timber. Very cold. Went to Pleasant Scott's on my way to Capt. Dutch's, but concluded to remain at Mr. Scott's.

Sunday—25th
At Mr. Scott's. Ground covered with snow. Very cold. I went on to Capt. Dutch's, where I remained until evening. Came home, accompanied by Eliza.

Tuesday—27th to Friday—30th
Amos at work framing rack. Hauled corn. I went to Beardstown, and hauled 13 bushels of corn to Phillip Grund, to whom I owe some money. He is the tailor. It came to $2.60.

Sunday—1st: November, 1840
At home all day. Mild weather.

Monday—2nd
Attended Presidential election at Carr's, in my own precinct. Amos worked ¾ of a day.

Tuesday—3rd
Pulled corn, and shelling all day.

Wednesday—4th
Amos Smith at work on frame of porch.

Saturday—7th
Went to Jacksonville. Slight showers of rain. Amos Smith at work on frame of porch.

Sunday—8th
At Major Simms', Diamond Grove. Attended Meeting. Visited Dr. Prosser.

Monday—9th
Repairing windows in house in Jacksonville. Late in the P. M. I came home as far as Mr. James Marshall's. Shall put up for the night.

Tuesday—10th: November, 1840
Came home by dinner. Eliza and myself accompanied by Mrs. Payne spent the evening at Mr. Marcus Chandler's. Amos Smith at work on the rafters.

Thursday—12th
At work in the bottom, accompanied by Amos Smith, and cut a few more timbers to complete the porch to the dwelling house.

Sunday—15th
Catherine has been home for the past week, but returned to Virginia today.

Monday—16th
Amos Smith absent.

Friday—20th
Eliza went to Virginia, and brought home Catherine from school.

Sunday—22nd
Cold, and blustery.

Monday—23rd
Ground covered with snow. Commenced feeding cattle.

Tuesday—24th: November, 1840
Hauled wood.

Wednesday—25th
Went up the valley as far as James Hickey's. Cold and disagreeable.

Saturday—28th
Moderate. Went over the river, and attended a trial, Wolf vs. Smith.

Monday—30th
Sold two six-year-old steers for $63.00. Sat off with two horses and a wagon with daughter Catherine for the Female Seminary at Monticello, near Alton. Came to Major Simms, Jacksonville, by dark.

Tuesday—1st: December, 1840
Proceeded on, and came within two miles of Carrollton, and put up. Roads delightful, being frozen. Bill $2.00.

Wednesday—2nd
Proceeded on, and arrived at the Seminary by the middle of the P. M. Put up my horses at Monticello village, and stayed at the Seminary. Paid in advance for board and tuition and books of the term ending in March, $24.44.

Thursday—3rd
Went into Alton, and bought sundry articles for Catherine's room, which was $10.00. After dinner sat off for home. Paid bill for the keeping of my horses at Monticello, $1.00. Came to Fayette Mill on Apple Creek a little after dark.

Friday—4th
Proceeded on via Green. Bill at Fayette $1.00. Mr. Anderson lives there, who owes me $35.00 or $40.00. He agreed to deliver at Jacksonville, at Major Simms', one stove, bedstead, dining table in part of the debt. Proceeded on, and came to Mr. Stevenson's on Middle Fork of Mauvaisterre Creek. Stopped for the night. Cold.

Saturday—5th
Bought of Mr. Stevenson a Shorthorn Durham bull calf, 6 months old, and having placed him in the wagon proceeded on towards home. Stopped in Jacksonville, and collected money of Galbreath, and paid, and took up my note at the bank. Then I came on as far as Marshall's, and stopped. Put up at Mr. Rossy's.

Sunday—6th
Came home.

Monday—7th
Went to Rossy's, and brought home my Durham calf. Cold.

Tuesday—8th to Saturday—12th
Unwell at home. Henry made preparations to kill hogs on Monday.

Monday—14th: December, 1840
Up early, and slaughtered 32 fat hogs, assisted by Pleasant Scott, John Nicklow, and two other men. This has been a hard day's work.

Tuesday—15th
Went to Beardstown with a heavy load of pork. The roads being soft near town I mired down. After unloading, and much trouble got into town by dark. Sold hogs for A. S. West at $3.50 er cwt. Came out as far as Reuben Hager's and put up for the night.

Wednesday—16th
Cold, and freezing. Came home, and hauled wood. Cut, and salted meat. Went to Beardstown with 6 hogs, which I sold to A. S. West.

Friday—18th
Helped Pleasant Scott slaughter hogs.

Saturday—19th
Hauled corn and wood.

Friday—25th: December, 1840
Christmas day. Went to Virginia.

Saturday—26th
Went with Eliza to Dr. Chandler's, whose wife is very ill at this time.

Sunday—27th
Attended Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting at the school house near Dr. Chandler's. Mrs. Dr. Chandler is a little easier today.

Monday—28th
Wind South. Weather pleasant. Went to Virginia. Mrs. Dr. Chandler died about 10 P. M.* She was a member of our little Church.

Tuesday—29th
Began to snow rapidly about 8 P. M. Attended the funeral of Mrs. Dr. Chandler. The funeral was attended by a considerable number of persons, and a great solemnity was apparent.

Wednesday—30th
Went to Virginia. There is about 6 inches of snow on the ground.

Thursday—31st
Got up wood. Hauled hay to the stable. Tolerable good sledding.

Friday—1st: January, 1841
Hauled wood. Cold and blustery.

Saturday—2nd
It has been tremendously cold the past night. I have been summoned to serve as a juror, Dick vs. Thompson, before Sq. Bonny.

Monday—4th
Went to Beardstown with a two-horse sled. Very cold weather.

Tuesday—5th
Went to Dr. Chandler's where we convened with other individuals to consult about the propriety of building a Presbyterian Church. The result of the meeting tended much to the advancement of so desirable an object. It was concluded to meet Friday night at the same place.

Wednesday—6th
Went to the Bottom, and hauled wood. Attended Singing Meeting at Marcus Chandler's for the purpose of improving the singing of the neighborhood.

Friday—8th
Had the line separating my land from the Wilbourn land in the timber on the other side of the river run out, and duly established by Mr. Berry who has been employed by Mr. Wilbourn and myself, each to pay ½ the expense. Went to Dr. Chandler's, agreeable to a previous notice, and took measures with many of the Church, and people worshipping agreeably to views of the Presbyterians, which are calculated to facilitate the building of a decent place near Dr. Chandler's.

Saturday—9th
Went to Beardstown. Moderate weather.

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*Formerly Mary Rickard.

Sunday—10th: January, 1841
Snowing. Went to Prayer Meeting.

Monday—11th
Hauled in load of corn, and went into the bottom and hauled out a load of rails.

Tuesday—12th
Went to the East timber, and hauled home the balance of the rails.

Wednesday—13th
Went to the East lot, and hauled out rails.

Thursday—14th
Went to the East lot of timber, and hauled over only two loads of rails in consequence of the ice melting, and my horses having broken in with their feet. Hauled the rails home which were lodged on the banks of the river. Very mild morning.

Friday—15th
Weather moderate. Went to Leeper's Mill. Rev. Mr. Breese of the Presbyterian order was with us tonight, on his way to Petersburg.

Sunday—17th
Birthday. 44 years old. Very cold and severe.

Monday—18th
Wind S. W., and the air is very cold. Hauled corn, and went to the mill.

Tuesday—19th
Went to the East timber lot, and hauled home 4 loads of rails with two sleds. Went to Dr. Chandler's, and consulted about a Meeting House. Mr. Thomas Chandler has taken the contract at $850.00. The subscribers are to put in their work as first agreed on.

Wednesday—20th: January, 1841
Went to work in the woods getting saw logs for lumber for the Meeting House, accompanied by other subscribers. Snowed a little.

Thursday—21st to Saturday—23rd
At work for Meeting House.

Sunday—24th
Beautiful mild morning. Rev. Mr. Turner from Jacksonville reached at Dr. Chandler's. He preached in the evening, also.

Monday—25th to Friday—29th
At work on the Meeting House. Wrote a letter to my father.

Saturdaay—30th
Went to Mr. Reavis's, and helped him raise a log cabin. Clear weather.

Monday—1st: February, 1841
Not well. Have a rheumatic affection. Sister Harriet (Mrs. Simms) accompanied by her sons, Samuel, and Middleton, came to visit us.

Tuesday—2nd
Mrs. Simms and sons, and self rode to the river, and thence down as far as Horham's.

Wednesday—3rd
Our friends left us. Eliza and myself accompanied them as far as Capt. E. I. Dutch's, where we spent the day. As we have concluded to spend the night, the Capt. and myself have concluded to commence a Prayer Meeting for the promotion of Church piety. We occupied the present evening with that object in view. We have mutually agreed to devote each Saturday evening to that object, and to meet at my house Saturday next, and such other places as we may deem it suitable from time to time.

Thursday—4th
Returned home. Hauled wood.

Saturday—6th
Went to work on the Meeting House. Commenced scoring and hewing timbers in the Dick neighborhood. Prayer Meeting at night.

Monday—8th to Wednesday—10th February — 1841
At work on the Meeting House. Very cold weather.

Thursday—11th
Returned to the timber and scored, but the

day being so cold and severe, it is not profitable. Mr. Logan served a summons on me to appear, and answer to Mr. W. E. Farrell for delay of payment of note given January 1st last for $8.47. Execution will come out in 20 days from date of trial.

Friday—13th
Went to the Bottom, and fed hogs. Hauled some wood. Moderate, and the ice is solid. Attended Church Prayer Meeting at Marcus Chandler's, accompanied by Eliza and Mrs. Ingalls.

Tuesday—16th
Henry Williams and myself hauled corn.

Wednesday—17th
Went to Beardstown with 4-horse team with a load of pork for H. L. Ingalls. Received a letter from Catherine.

Thursday—18th
Went to Beardstown with a load of pork for Mr. Ingalls. Muddy travelling. Wrote to Catherine.

Friday—19th
This being election for Sheriff in this County tomorrow, and as John Lange is in the neighborhood electioneering, I accompanied him, making him acquainted with such places as those where he was not known. Home by dark. Evening. Have just learned that the order for an election tomorrow is revoked by order of the Governor.

Saturday—20th: February, 1841
Henry went to Virginia, and William and myself pulled a load of corn. Warm and beautiful weather.

Monday—22nd to Friday—26th
At work scoring timber for the Meeting House. Snowing.

Saturday—27th
Attended Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting at the school house.

Tuesday—2nd: March, 1841
Went to Pleasant Scott's, and helped him raise a smoke house.
Henry hauled corn.

Wednesday—3rd
Finished pulling corn. Went to Virginia. Turned cattle into stalk field.

Thursday—4th
N. E. snow storm. Today Wm. H. Harrison will be inaugurated at the Federal City, where it is expected there will be an immense concourse of grateful people who will be present on the occasion. Hauled wood and corn.

Saturday—6th
Hauled wood with sled, but it is not good sledding for the snow has blown in heaps. The prayer meeting is at my house tonight, but was not attended for some cause, I know not what. Three of my hogs that have been astray for some time came home today.

Sunday—7th
Attended Meeting at school house.

Monday—8th
Went with 4 horses and a sled, and hauled for the Meeting house.

Thursday—11th: March, 1841
Went to Virginia, via Capt. Dutch's, and had my horses shod for the purpose of being ready to go to Monticello Seminary after daughter Catherine next week.

Saturday—13th
Hauled wood. Ten inches of snow on the ground.

Monday—15th
Sat off with Dr. Chandler's buggy, and my two horses for Monticello Seminary to bring Catherine back home for vacation. Stopped a little while at Jacksonville, and came on to 3 miles this side of Manchester. Roads are very muddy from the melting snow. Bill $1.00.

Tuesday—16th
Up early, and proceeded onward. Came to Delphi before night, which is 7 miles from the Seminary.

Wednesday—17th
Up early and proceeded on to the Seminary.

Bill at Delphi, $1.25. Came to Monticello by 8 o'clock, and put up at the Temperance Hotel, and walked to the Seminary where I found Catherine in good health, and glad to see me. This is the second day of examination. I have been very much entertained and much delighted with the exercises. Night, returned to the hotel. Many present.

Thursday—18th
Paid my bill at Monticello Tavern, $1.75, and rode up to the Seminary. Took Catherine and left for home. Came to Manchester, and put up. Roads have dried very much.

Friday—19th
Paid bill of $1.75, and proceeded on. Came to Jacksonville by noon. Stopped at Major Simms's. After dinner Major Simms and myself rode out to Diamond Grove, and dug some trees. Returned home to Major Simms. My horse Charley seems to be unwell, and exhibits symptoms of founder. Had him bled copiously.

Saturday—20th: March, 1841
My horse is very stiff, and badly foundered. Sat off for home about noon. Came to Capt. Dutch's, and halted to attend Prayer Meeting. Roads very muddy. After Meeting went home, and found all well.

Sunday—21st
Attended the Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting at the school house, after which there was a meeting of friends, my sister (Mrs. A. Dutch), and her son Henry, together with myself and wife. We confessed to each other our errors, deploring the variations, hard feelings, and animosities which have been for some time in existence. We amicably and peacefully settled our difficulties, and made peace with each other. After prayer by Capt. E. I. Dutch we separated with good understanding, and with the best of feelings.

Monday—22nd
Went to Dr. Chandler's, and attended a called meeting relative to the Meeting House.

Tuesday—23rd
Went to Mr. Marcus Chandler's, and brought home my cross cut saw. Then Henry and myself went into the Bottom, and made stakes.

Wednesday—24th to Friday—26th
Made stakes, and set them on the west and north side of the farm. The river is coming out of its bank rapidly from the rain.

Saturday—27th
Setting stakes on North side of farm. Did not attend Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingalls.'

Tuesday—30th
Finished making cow pen. The river is out of its banks in many places.

Wednesday—31st
At work on the fences.

April — 1841
At work on fences. Pleasant weather. It began to rain about 9 o'clock.

Sunday—4th
Attended Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting. When we arrived home we found Dr. Prosser and family waiting for us.

Tuesday—6th
Dr. Prosser and family returned home. At work on the fence. Warm.

Thursday—8th
Cleaned out oats.

Sunday—11th
Squalls of snow. Attended Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting.

Monday—19th
Went to the Mill, and then to Marcus Chandler's with his wagon which I borrowed to go to Jacksonvlile.

Tuesday—20th: April, 1841
Went as far as Meyers' and hired him to work for me for $13.00 per month cutting stalks. Backward season.

Thursday—22nd
Went to Virginia. Raking and burning stalks to clean up corn ground.

Friday—23rd
Started two plows breaking the ground near the house in the orchard.

Saturday—24th
All hands went to Muster today. On my way home from Muster I came by the way of Capt. Dutch's, and he accompanied me home.

Sunday—25th
Attended Meeting near Dr. Chandler's. Rev. Mr. Turner from Illinois College, whom we have engaged for 12 months, preached. His subject this morning was on Charity. Mr. Dutch returned home.

Tuesday—27th
Furrowing out orchard ground. Two plows running in lower field.

Wednesday—28th to Friday—30th
Furrowing out orchard ground. Two plows running. Very cold. Took down present fence on South Side clover field, and staked and railed same.

Saturday—1st: May, 1841
One plow running. Finished South side of clover field, and it is now ready for any of my stock. Pleasant weather.

Sunday—2nd
Attended Sabbath School, and Prayer Meeting.

Monday—3rd
Rained during the last night, which stopped the plowing. Staked and repaired the fence of the west side of improvements on farm. Cold.

Tuesday—4th
Sowed grass seed around farm in fence corners. Rained during the past night which prevents any further operations towards getting in the crop.

Wednesday—5th
Went to Jacksonville on horse back. Came to Maj. Simms' by the middle of the afternoon. Clear and pleasant.

Thursday—6th
At Jacksonville.

Friday—7th
Came home by dinner. Cloudy morning, and rained a little.

Saturday—8th
Plowing for corn. Two plows running. John N. is planting part of his ground. Will probably finish by Monday.

Sunday—9th
Rain prevented us from attending meeting until evening. Rev. Mr. Turner preached.

Monday—10th: May, 1841
Went to Beardstown. Henry is plowing. I dismissed Asa Myers from further service this morning. Clear and cool.

Wednesday—12th
Planted corn in orchard ground. Also planted a few potatoes. William Cooper helping me. Warm.

Friday—14th
Received a letter from Father, and one from Catherine. Went to Virginia. Cool for the season. Some frost. This day has been set aside for fasting and prayer.

Saturday—15th
Planting corn, N. E. cut. Warm.

Monday—17th
Finished planting N. E. cut. Went to Virginia. Received a letter from Major Simms about the Shawneetown Bank at Jacksonville, to whom I made application for $600.00. They have agreed to loan me $400.00.

Friday—21st: May, 1841
Finished planting the N. W. cut of corn. After dinner I went to Jacksonville. Showery.

Saturday—22nd
Received $400.00 from the Jacksonville Bank, discount deducted, $19.81, leaving $380.19 for operations. Have concluded, after much deliberation, and advice from my friends, to visit my father. Commenced making arrangements accordingly. Came home accompanied by Rev. Mr. Turner who goes up to Mr. Thomas Chandler's this eve-

ning, and will return here tomorrow after Divine worship.

Monday—24th
Beautiful morning. Rev. Mr. Turner with us. He came in last night. He returned to Jacksonville, and I went to Beardstown.

Wednesday—26th
Worked on the roads. Went to Thomas Watkin's, and paid him some money. Stayed at Marcus Chandler's at night on my return home.

Friday—28th
Went to Jacksonville with a load of bacon. Took Mr. Anderson 88 pounds due him, at 6c.

Saturday—29th
At Major Simms'. Came home after dinner. Very warm and dry.

Sunday—30th
Attended Meeting at Squire Bonny's. Quarterly meeting of the Methodists.

Monday—31st
Went with son Henry, and counted rails left on lower lot of timber which falls to Wilbourn, being part set off by him to survey. The rails receipted to me by Reavis.

Tuesday—1st: June, 1841
Went to Beardstown. Making preparations to set off for New England tomorrow for the purpose of visiting my aged father. Wrote to my father per mail. This letter will leave today.

Wednesday—2nd
Sat off about noon for Jacksonville accompanied by son Henry, and daughter Elizabeth. Had taken leave of my family proposing to leave Jacksonville by rail cars for the East Came to Simms'.

Thursday—3rd
Attended the funeral of Miss Prosser, who died yesterday. In consequence of this Providence Mr. Wm. Prosser has been prevented from going to St. Louis where we had agreed to meet and travel to Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia, together. Henry and Elizabeth returned home. Met with Mr. Thomas Chandler and lady in Jacksonville, who have come here from my neighborhood to see me about some business they wish me to do for them in the East. He sent $480.00 by me for his father-in-law, $465.00 in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio paper, and $15.00 in gold. I am at Major Simms'. Warm.

Friday—4th
Took leave of my friends in Jacksonville on rail cars via Meredosia, Illinois River. Wm. Prosser will meet me in St. Louis on Sunday or Monday at the Virginia Hotel. Have had a delightful passage by rail. Expense $1.00, distance 18 or 20 miles. There being no boat in readiness where I can take passage, I am compelled to wait, under circumstances not very pleasant, until the Detroit comes down which is expected this evening. The Detroit has just made her appearance, to our great joy. Paid bill at Tavern in Meredosia, and a miserable one it is, too, for dinner and supper, 75c. Then went on board the Detroit, and went to bed. The Detroit will be detained for a while on account of taking on some corn.

Saturday—5th
On board the Detroit, an inferior boat which has come 7 miles out of Meredosia, where she is still taking on corn. It is vexatious to me to be detained so much. About dinner time the Detroit proceeded on. Evening—heavy shower of rain near the mouth of the Illinois River. Good breeze of wind from the South which makes our situation quite pleasing.

Sunday—6th
Came into St. Louis by sunrise, and left the Detroit. Bill, $2.50. Went to the Virginia Hotel to breakfast, and engaged a room. Here I shall spend the day. Attended Divine worship at Mr. Bullard's Church. William Prosser arrived in evening from Jacksonville, agreeable to appointment. Fine shower of rain.

Monday—7th
After breakfast we went in search for a

boat to Pittsburg. Found the steamer Massachusetts which will leave today. Engaged a passage to Parkersburg, Virginia, for $10.00, that being the nearest place for me to leave the Ohio for Warrenton, Virginia. Settled up bill at the Virginia Hotel ($2.50). Mr. Prosser and myself went on board the steamer at 11 o'clock with our baggage. She did not get off from St. Louis until 5 P. M. This has been a very warm day. There are a great many steamers in port, which gives the city a commercial appearance. At night we are moving at a good rate, and we seem to have a good boat, and pleasant company. Fine breeze stirring on the Mississippi.

Tuesday—8th

Rose early, and found Cape Girardeau all in full view. I have rested quite well, and have become more accustomed to the motion of the steamer. At 9 or 10 A. M. came into the Ohio. The City of Cairo has but a poor appearance to what I expected it to be. The weather is several degrees warmer than it is at my farm. I can easily perceive the difference between the waters of the Mississippi and the Ohio. The muddy waters of the Mississippi are kept back by the clear waters of the Ohio river. Proceeded on in the P. M. to Paducah, Ky., at the mouth of the Tennessee River, and Smithland, at the mouth of the Cumberland.

Wednesday—9th

The steamer has made a good run during the night. At light she was up with Shawneetown, Ill. She is making about 9 miles per hour. Came to the canal about the middle of the P. M. It took some time to pass through.* Stopped at Louisville for a few hours. and then put on up the river. Not well today.

Thursday—10th: June, 1841

The steamer made a good run. Came to Cincinnati by 2 P. M. Exchanged $50.00 Illinois, for specie at 8%. Within a few miles of Cincinnati passed the interesting and delightful home of President Harrison at North Bend, Ohio.

Friday—11th

The steamer left Cincinnati about 8 P. M., and proceeded on up the Ohio. A considerable number of passengers have been added.

Saturday—12th

Have had a good night's rest.

Sunday—13th

On board the steamer. Progressed onward. The Ohio is getting rather low. There is beautiful country on both sides of the river, and many beautiful private residences. Came to Parkersburg by the middle of the P. M. Went to the stage office. Paid fare to Winchester,* $15.00. The stage will depart about 4 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Monday—14th

Sat off in stage at 4 A. M. for Winchester. Took breakfast, 50c. Find myself progressing rather slowly, owing to the bad arrangement of poor horses, and early start. Dinner at Chapman's, 50c. Here I recovered a bolster to one of our beds we left some years since when we went to Illinois. The road from Parkersburg to Winchester is a delightful turnpike. About midnight we passed through Prunty Town. Here I could see considerable improvements since I left.

Tuesday—15th

Feel quite fatigued with the travel and loss of sleep. Breakfasted near the Cheat River. There are elegant bridges across all the important water courses on the N. W. turnpike. Our breakfast, being a little late, we have all agreed to go on till supper. Crossed the Alleghany Mountains. Our course is zig-zag, and, to look down the declivity from the edge of the turnpike as we rapidly pass along, is to me scary, and produces dizziness. Our progress appears slow, but descending we seem to fly. Came to Kirkindale, and concluded to halt as the stage will not make her whole trip by 4

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*Canal around the rapids.

*State of Virginia.

P. M. This was an agreeable arrangement for me. Took supper, and went to bed.

Wednesday—16th
Up early. Paid bill, 75c, and sat off at 5 A. M. Went to Romney to breakfast, 50c. Passed on, and came to Winchester by the middle of the P. M. There is a very dull prospect for wheat or rye in this section of Virginia, and the grasses are very much burnt up. I learned that there is no stage from Winchester to Warrenton, so I hired a private conveyance for $6.00.

Thursday—17th
Up early, and sat off for Mr. Daniel Payne's. Bill at Tavern, 75c. Arrived at Mr. Payne's. Found sister Betsy, and Mr. Payne and family well. They were very glad to see me, and to hear about the children and Eliza. Her daughter Elizabeth has been married about 4 years, and has been living in Alabama. She returned here about 12 months since on account of ill health. She has with her a very interesting son, whom she calls Richard Payne. Her husband's name is Meridith. John Scott, Rice Hooe, and Albin Smith are all at home at this time. Richard Payne is settled at Warrenton. We have just learned that W. Payne Winter, the older son who resides in Alabama is at Washington with his family, and is a Member of Congress. He is expected here in a few days. Granville has not undergone any great change. Old Mr. and Mrs. Payne of Clifton have departed this life. Mr. Payne died September 19th, 1837, and his wife November 2nd, 1840. Here I will insert the ages of Sister Betsy's children. W. M. Payne, born Jan. 2nd, 1807, Richard Payne, August 8th, 1809, John Scott Payne, May 30th, 1816, R. W. Payne, Oct. 30th, 1818, and Allan Smith Payne, July 1st, 1822. Old Mr. Monroe, Old Mr. and Mrs. Miller, old Mr. Burditt have departed this life since I left here. There are only two of the families of the Blacks who lived at Granville at the time I lived there, now at Granville. Minta and old James Jenkins (the gardener) are also dead, consequently it has grown up in weeds, and lost the elegance and taste which was at one time exhibited. Mr. Payne's eyesight has failed considerably, and he cannot read without his glasses. He is worth $40,000.00. He has made a very judicious will, which I have seen, dividing his estate among his children. His father, Wm. Payne, died leaving all of his estate to his son Arthur, and none to his son Daniel. The home at Union, where I lived, the trees having grown, presents a very pretty appearance. Some rain today. The crops look very backward and discouraging.

Friday—18th
At Mr. Payne's talking over reminiscences. Dr. Henry Clarkson dined here today. He is about to move to Missouri. Mrs. Patsy Pickett is here, and looks much more fleshy than she used to.

Saturday—19th
I have just seen a letter directed to Mr. Payne some time ago by Mr. Berry, Attorney for the estate of Miss M. Mathews, which gave information that the sum of $50.77 is decreed to the Richard B. Meek estate. I shall go through Fredericksburg when I leave here for the East, and receive this money. Dined in company with Daniel Payne, and Mr. George Pickett.

Sunday—20th: June, 1841
Attended Divine worship with Cousin Allan G. Payne at Warrenton. Heard Rev. Mr. Lemon, of the Episcopal order, preach on "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the Earth." Dined with Cousin Richard and family, who live in Warrenton in grand style. Richard looks as natural as usual. His wife, who was formerly Alice Dixon, and children, are excellent and interesting.

Monday—21st
At Richard Payne's.

Tuesday—22nd
Allan and myself rode to White Sulphur Springs. I was much surprised to see the improvements erected since I used to come here. I drank fully of the water, which

still retains its medical properties. Dined at Mr. Wm. McCoy's. He is now a member of the Presbyterian Church, and an Elder. Called on old Deacon Kemper. They were very glad to see me. Returned to Daniel Payne's.

Wednesday—23rd
At Mr. Payne's. Walked over to Granville farm.

Friday—25th
At Mr. Payne's. Winter Payné, who is a Member of Congress from Alabama came to his father's with his family, a wife, and two children. He is much larger than formerly. He is a good speaker, and has a good appearance. His wife is small, delicate, and handsome, with black hair, and black eyes. His older child, a son named Daniel, is small for his age. He is about 12 years old. The youngest, a daughter, is quite delicate, and looks much like her grandmother Payne. I am delighted that I have met so many of my wife's connections while here.

Saturday—26th
All together at Mr. D. Payne's. D. Clarkson and lady dined with us. Also old Mr. and Mrs. McCoy. Winter Payne's family will remain here for the present, and Winter will go to the city.

Sunday—27th
At Mr. D. Payne's. Mr. Diggs called and spent the day.

Monday—28th
Beautiful day. After dinner took an affectionate leave of my friends and relatives at Granville, and came to Warrenton. Engaged a seat in a stage to Fredericksburg, fare $3.50.

Tuesday—29th
At 2 P. M. proceeded on the stage to Fredericksburg. Came to the White Ridge, a distance of only 20 miles, and put up. The roads are very rough. The country is barren and uninteresting.

Wednesday—30th
Came to Fredericksburg at 12 o'clock noon. Slow and rough travelling. Put up at the Ramsey's. Called on Mr. Lawrence Berry, Esq., and received from him $55.78, the balance due the Estate of B. Meek, from the estate of Miss Mary Mathews. Evening: Cannot leave here until 9 A. M., and must then go to Washington City. I was in hopes to have taken a passage in a steamer direct to Baltimore, but there is only one, and that goes but once a week, and it left yesterday.

Thursday—1st: July, 1841
Sat off in post coaches from Fredericksburg at 10 A. M. for Potomac Creek, where I went on board for Washington City. The old Potomac looks natural. So does old Maryland. As I have passed up the river I recognized several places where I used to dwell and visit, and also some unhappy places. To me the country looks more barren than it did, and, as I have nothing of interest there, I do not wish to go ashore. The Nanjemoy Country is fast retiring from my view. I suppose this is the last sight I may have. Farewell, Maryland, farewell Stumpneck. Friends, and foes—farewell!! Passed the sacred and solemn spot of Mt. Vernon. Came to Alexandria and Washington. At the latter place left the steamer, and put up at Mrs. Hall's, Pennsylvania Avenue. How natural everything looks. The city is full of strangers, and Members of Congress.

Friday—2nd
Paid bill at Mrs. Hall's, $1.00. Porterage to depot, 25c. Left at 6 A. M. The cars are crowded, and a considerable train. Came to Baltimore at 8 o'clock in the morning, where I took breakfast, 50c. Porterage 25c. There is a great disposition at the depots to force bad or incurrent money by way of exchange, in consequence of the unequal exchanges of the traveller as he passes along is subject to great trouble and loss. How much a good sound currency is needed. I really hope there will be created during this Congress, a United States Bank.

From the Washington cars I transferred to the Philadelphia line of cars, fare $4.00, and left at 9 o'clock. The cars are moving on with great velocity, and are much crowded. I observed that the locomotives do not go into the city as the authorities fear the sparks might ignite something combustible on the way. The train is pulled in by pretty matched horses of all colors. Passed over the Susquehanna in a large steamer, the cars for passengers remaining. When we arived we went on board a new set of passenger cars. What a rush and bustle of men, women, and children to obtain choice seats. All is quiet again. We are all seated, two and two, in several cars. The ladies are mostly by themselves in a separate car, where there is room for dressing, and other conveniences. We are off! The way we fly across the country is like the wind. We are going with so much speed at times that we cannot count the panels of fence on the way. Passed through a pretty country. Philadelphia is in sight. Its suburbs are beautiful, and the highly cultivated country, farms, and very neat dwelling houses have a beautiful appearance. The crops are, however, rather backward. Passed over the beautiful Schuylkill. The locomotives stopped on this side. Each passenger and baggage cars were drawn in by horses to Philadelphia by 3 P. M. There is an excellent way they have of marking the baggage. A pair of tins with a number, say 150, or any number, is fastened with a leather strap to the baggage, and a corresponding one is handed to the owner of the baggage, which he puts in his pocket, and retains in his possession until at the end of the journey. This prevents anyone from losing his baggage. Put up at the Washington House. After dinner went walking about this beautiful city. Called on an old acquaintance, Mr. Thomas Elms, formerly of Augusta, Maine. Evening: went up to a museum, and after seeing the great varieties collected in the museum, I heard some fine vocal singing, per Bill. I cannot find, from inquiry, Mr. George Dutch to whom I have a letter of introduction. It was supposed, when I left home, that he could easily be found, but there is some mistake about the name. He may be a merchant in New York.

Saturday—3rd

After breakfast I left this city for New York by steam and rail cars. I left the former at Bordentown on the Delaware. It is a delightful route from Philadelphia to New York, fare $4.00, porterage, 69c. Came to North River where a large steamer ferried us. Put up at Franklin House, Broadway. Called on Dr. A. Goldsmith, 9 Park Place. He was not in. New York has improved greatly. Delivered a letter sent by Dr. Pearson, Jacksonville, with $5.69 which I paid over to the person directed, Moffit, 369 Broadway. Saw Dr. A. Goldsmith, who appeared very glad to see me, and showed me many civilities. Went out with his son William on rail cars about 7 miles to Harlem, where his family resides. Fare, 18¾c. Sister Taliaferro, (Mrs. Smith), was very glad to see me.

Thursday—4th

Independence Day. The various celebrations will be held on the morrow. Mr. Smith came out home to breakfast, and then went back to the city.

Monday—5th

Went into the city accompanied by William Smith. Crowds of people convened on the present occasion. The Military are out, and make a very fine show, being handsomely costumed, and being fine looking troops, said to be about 30,000 strong. Dined with Dr. Smith. I, this day, have talked to him about the note due us, and there is a very dull prospect of realizing any money for the present, and perhaps never. Saw fireworks and many things to amuse. Returned to Harlem. New York may well be called the London of America, as it is now the largest city in America. Fare 37c.

Tuesday—6th

Went into the city, and found Mr. George Dutch, to whom I had a letter of introduction. With him I spent the day. From him

I learned that Mrs. Dr. Davis had just written a full and particular letter relative to her father's situation, and I did all I could in confirming Mrs. Davis' statement by answering the many questions asked. Mr. Dutch thinks of visiting Illinois in the Spring, when probably he will be better able to decide on the subject of my mission to him. Called on Mr. George Douglass, brother of Aunt Moxley of Virginia, to whom I had an introductory letter from Dr. A. Goldsmith. He gave me a very cordial reception. I spent the night with him. We attended Prayer Meeting at Dr. Pott's Church.

Wednesday—7th

At Mr. George Douglass's. He resides near Dr. A. Goldsmith in Park place. Returned to Harlem. Fare 18¾c. Went and caught some fish in the East River. Sister Taliaferro, accompanied by her son, William, was with me. Had a delightful swim in the salt water in East River. Thus far I have been very politely entertained by Mrs. Sewall's friends. Nothing wanting in the great attention and particular civilities shown me on account of her, to whom I hold and love as my dear and bosom friend. All I have to regret is that she is not with me to participate in the many expressions of affection by her relatives. The Dr. came out a little while this evening.

Thursday—8th

Wrote to Mr. Daniel Payne, per mail. Went into the city and boarded the steamer, Charter Oak, for Norwich at 5 o'clock. She will proceed on all night through the Sound.

Friday—9th

At Norwich. Did not sleep much the past night. Fare through $2.50. Went to a public house, and put up. Laid down, and took a good sleep. On inquiry find Mr. Abijah Dewey lives 15 miles from this place, and that I ought to have secured a seat at 6 o'clock in accomodation cars, and stop at Plainfield, which would be 6 or 7 miles from Mr. Dewey's house. I am compelled, therefore, to remain here until 5 P. M. Walked about Norwich, and amused myself as much as I could, though I dislike being here so long. Paid bill at Norwich, and porterage, 9c. Went on board the cars. Fare to Plainfield 55c. I halted, and hired a man to take me to Mr. Dewey's. Paid Mr. Dewey $480.00 sent by Thomas Chandler, of my own neighborhood. They were very glad to see me, and to hear from their daughter-in-law. After tea I returned to Plainfield. Paid $1.16¾ for transportation to Mr. Dewey's and back. Cool.

Saturday—10th: July, 1841

Up earlly, and took breakfast. Paid the bill, and took cars for Boston, via Worcester where I arrived by noon. Put up at the American House. Have passed over a beautiful country today. The farmers are now in the midst of their haying and harvesting. Boston looks very natural. Fare through Norwich was $3.50, being one dollar more than I should have paid if I kept on the steamer Friday. Mr. Chandler agreed when I left to pay all extra charges and expense which amounts to $3.00. Delivered a letter sent by Mr. Lyon to Mr. Richards, and called on Mr. Nickols, to whom I had a letter of introduction from Capt. E. I. Dutch. I was very politely received by Mr. Nickols, who was very glad to hear from my friend Dutch. Spent the evening and took tea with Mr. and Mrs. Nickols.

Sunday—11th

Attended Divine worship at Park Street Church. Rev. Mr. Hicken preached. There has been no conveyance for Augusta since I arrived here, but tomorrow morning I can proceed on to the point of destination. Spent the evening with Mr. Nickols from Illinois.

Monday—12th

After an early breakfast I left the American House. Bill $3.00. Went to Eastern Depot, and secured a seat in the cars for Hallowell. Porterage 25c. Sat off at 7 P. M. for Hallowell and Augusta. Passing on very pleasantly, though in comparison to the travelling on other routes, rather slowly. Came to Portsmouth by 10 o'clock, and then I went on board the steamer, Huntress, and passed onto the Atlnatic, which was very smooth. Came to Hallowell by sunset. Dined on board steamer, 50c. Saw today an old school mate. She was Rachel Brooks, but is now a widow without children, and lives in Boston. Also saw some others. From Hallowell I was conveyed to Augusta by hack to the door of my father's house, where I am received with rejoicing and affection by my father and present mother, and friends. My father somewhat changed as are other things in Augusta. Saw my brother Charles. He looks natural, but his voice is changed, as well as my father's. But perhaps these circumstances will be changed as I become more familiar with the objects. Twenty-two years, I will confess, has produced great changes. The Town of Augusta is entirely changed in its general appearance. It is a beautiful place, but still it does not seem that I am in Augusta.

Tuesday—13th
Mother and myself rode down to Hallowell where I was more happy in seeing Sister Susan, her husband, and cousin Susan Parsons. They all seem to know me. I think I have not altered much. Returned and called on Brother Charles' family. Dined with Pa and Ma. Brother Charles is busy in securing hay. Rev. Mr. Tappan and brother called on me, and some other friends. All are rejoiced to see me, and manifest much affection and attention. How pleasant and delightful it is to see each other after so long an absence. I hope I shall have gratitude to God for all his benefits thus far shown me.

Wednesday—14th
Walked about town identifying places and things, and meeting with old acquaintances.

Thursday—15th
Sister Susan and her two children came up and spent the day at father's, and took tea together at Brother Charles'. Attended Prayer Meeting at Mr. Bacon's. Warm.

Friday—16th
Walked about town and met with several acquaintances, all whom are very glad to see me. By particular request took tea in company with Pa and Ma, Rev. Mr. Tappan and family, D. Tappan, and some other friends at Deacon John Means. Uncle Jotham called, and spent the night.

Saturday—17th
Gen. Vose, (my old associate, and particular friend of Chandler Vose), and myself walked about town, such as to the burying ground, State House, and other places interesting to me. Find on inquiry many of my old acquaintances are dead and gone, and but few are here to be found whom I left when I last took my leave of Augusta. Very warm and sultry. Prayer Meeting at D. Tappan's, who lives in part of Pa's house. I attended.

Sunday—18th
Went into the Sabbath School of Rev. Mr. Tappan. There are several Churches built up since I left, all of which have bells, which gives Augusta quite a city appearance. Attended family prayers with Pa and Ma, at Brother Charles', being customary with my father. I was called on to lead, and hope I felt the Divine aid. May these sermons be in the hands of Almighty God to produce an entire change in my brother's heart. Attended Prayer Meeting, accompanied by Mr. D. Tappan in the neighborhood of Mr. Lewis Hamlin where there is considerable excitement, and I hope, much feeling on the great subject of Religion. Came to my father's by sunset.

Monday—19th
Went to Hallowell, and spent the day with Sister Susan, (Mrs. Gardner). Called on several of my old friends while there, viz: Judge Emmons, Rev. Mr. Gillet, and Deacon Gow, all of whom were very pleased to see me. It is a matter of much gratitude and satisfaction that the Lord gives us a respectable standing in this world of trouble, and has raised up for our benefit many valuable friends.

Tuesday—20th: July, 1841

At Sister Susan's. Not very well—indigestion. After tea returned to Augusta. Very warm. The farmers in this region are very busy with their hay.

Wednesday—21st

Feel much better today. Went out to Winthrop, accompanied by Brother Charles to make arrangements about Pott's separator, or wheat threshing power. Find I shall be compelled to remain here a day or so before I can make the necessary arrangements. Brother Charles returned home. Evening: I am very pleasantly situated, and agreeably entertained by Cousin Mr. Stephen Sewall. Examined some machines, and conversed with some proprietors.

Thursday—22nd

Went out as far as Monmouth accompanied by Mr. Sewall to see the inventor of horse power. He, being absent and engaged at a mill in Wayne, Mr. Sewall went on there to see him. Having found him, I engaged a horse power machine for $100.00, payable in 12 months with 6 per cent after 60 days. Power to be delivered to me either at Augusta or Hallowell, as I may in a day or two direct. Returned to Winthrop to dinner. My ride was very pleasant over the delightful and highly cultivated part of Maine. Engaged separator, or wheat machine of Benjamin and Davis, Winthrop, for $113.00 payable in 12 months with interest after 5 months. The machine to be delivered with the horse power as before mentioned. Mr. Stephen Sewall was kind enough to sign the note as my security, and as soon as I arrive home I must drive the machine with full speed to make enough to pay them without delay, which I think I can do. Having accomplished my business here, got into the stage, and went to Augusta, arriving by sunset. Heard Mr. Hawkins on Temperance. He is a reformed drunkard, and is doing much for the cause.

Friday—23rd

Dined and spent the day with my cousin, Mrs. Rebecca Webster, accompanied by Pa and Ma, and a friend, Mrs. Wood. Had a very pleasant visit. Passed over some very interesting places on the East side of Kennebec where I had passed my childhood, and youth!! These sacred spots gave rise to a variety of tender emotions.

Saturday—24th

Went to the Insane Hospital accompanied by Mr. D. Tappan. We were very pleasantly entertained by the Principal. The building is new and delightfully situated on the Kennebec, East side, being near the old burying ground where my friend, Miss S. I. Corry, was entombed in 1816. We went into this sacred spot where I saw the grave stones of many of my acquaintances who have passed into the unseen world, and entered into their new state of existence since I was last in Augusta. Came home by dinner time full of reflection of what I have witnessed today, for I have also passed over many a dear spot where I have spent my infancy, childhood, and youth. Dined with Mr. Evileth and family. P. M.: Made some calls. Took tea at brother Charles. He has two daughters who are married, Caroline to Mr. Manly, and Susan to Mr. Homans., the last a very talented and promising man. There is a son of 18 or 19 years, quite promising, and an infant son of a few months age.

Sunday—25th

Went to Hallowell, and visited the Sabbath School, to which, by solicitation I made a few remarks. Attended Divine worship at South Church. Heard Rev. Mr. Thurston, who is now settled here. Mr. Thurston is a remarkably close and discriminating sermonizer. Returned to Sister Susan's, and took tea in the evening, after which I came up to Augusta.

Monday—26th

Dined with Ma and Pa. Engaged a passage for my threshing machine, on board Springer's vessel bound in a few days for Boston. Cool. Writing letters to Mr. Joseph Fairbanks, and Benjamin and Davis, directing them to send on the horse power and threshing machine by Wednesday or Thursday of the present week. Wrote home to Mrs. Sewall. Drank tea with Mr. and Mrs. A. Brooks, my old friends and school mates in early life. They are pleasantly situated in life, and have several interesting children, and they are members of Rev. Mr. Tappan's Church. Mr. Brooks went with me to the U. S. Arsenal, which has been built and placed on the old Gill land, where, in my boyhood, I drove the family cow to and from the pasture. The place is completely changed. Returned to my father's at 9 P. M.

Tuesday—27th
Mailed letters to Monmouth, Winthrop, and home. Postage paid today 12½c. Drank tea at John Potter's, Esq. in company with several of the old friends. Mother and myself have made several calls this morning.

Wednesday—28th
Drank tea with several friends at Judge Conney's. Received a letter from Mrs. Sewall.

Thursday—29th
Called on friends. Received threshing machine and power from Winthrop and Monmouth agreeable to contract, which I shipped aboard the Emerald, Springer, master, for Boston. Freight to be $4.00.

Friday—30th
Mother and I rode to Hallowell in the gig and made some calls. Mrs. Bond, an old acquaintance, gave me $10.00 for the use of our Church in Illinois. Sister Susan and daughter spent the day with us at Father's. Drank tea and spent the evening with old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Davis, and Aunt North. Mrs. Davis was Caroline North.

Saturday—31st
Cool weather. Rode out to Winthrop accompanied by Rev. Mr. Tappan, of Boston, relative to some business connected with the threshing machine. Evening: attended Meeting at Mr. Hasting's, who married Susan Pettingill, an old school mate.

Sunday—1st: August, 1841
Went to Rev. Mr. Tapan's Church, and took charge of a class, after which I went into the vestry and addressed the infant class. Rev. Mr. Tapan of Boston preached in the morning. Took tea with Brother Charles. Evening: Attended monthly concert at Mr. Tappan's vestry. Being a good number present, and having consulted with Rev. Tappan on the subject previously, I spent a little time stating publicly the wants of our Church at Panther Creek, Illinois. It was agreed then, that there should be a contribution taken on next Sabbath evening for that object.

Monday—2nd
Called on several persons relative to the subject. Have had some encouragement that something might be done. Evening: sang with Sarah Corlette, an old acquaintance.

Tuesday—3rd
Not very well. Mother and I rode out to Sister Susan's, where we spent the day.

Wednesday—4th
Called on old Judge Coney. He is a few months older than my father, but very inferior. Drank tea with the Hon. R. Williams in company with a considerable number of ladies.

Thursday—5th
Wrote a letter to Dr. Thomas Sewall, Washington, specifying the reason I did not see him on my way out here. Dined with Mr. T. H. Hartwell and family. Spent the P. M. with old Mr. Seth Williams, and daughters on the East side of the Kennebec. Walked to the burying ground and saw the tomb of the Williams family. I was accompanied by my old school mate, Miss Helen Williams. Returned to the west side of the river and took tea with Mr. Eben Fullen and lady in company with her brother, Daniel Williams, Esq.

Friday—6th
Went to Hallowell accompanied by my father and mother, and spent the day with Sis-

ter Susan. In the evening Father and Mother returned home. I remained, by previous understanding. Rev. Mr. Tappan called, and took me in his gig to the school house near Mr. Lewis Hamlin's to attend a lecture. I was called on to make a few remarks which I did, and closed with prayer. Returned to sister Susan's.

Saturday—7th

I walked to Augusta, accompanined by Mr. Gardner, to father's.

Sunday—8th

Went to Brother Charles's, and spent the morning in reading, prayer, and private religious conversation. Attended Divine worship at Rev. Mr. Tappan's Church.

Monday—9th

Today Rev. Mr. Tappan gave me $10.00, and Father gave me $5.00 for the use of Panther Creek Church. After supper I sat off for Boston. Brother Charles accompanied me down as far as Gardiner, where I went on board the steamer, John Richmond. The steamer sat off for Boston against a strong wind at South. Sun down, there being several religious persons on board, we got up a prayer meeting, which was well conducted. There is prospect of a rough time out tonight. Cloudy. I can already feel the effects of the swells.

Tuesday—10th: August, 1841

Have been very sick all night. Came into Boston by breakfast time. Put up at Patterson House. Found the schooner, Emerald, Capt. Springer, who has arrived with my machine, all safe.

Wednesday—11th

Not well. Very rainy, also, which prevents me from doing anything toward shipping my machines for New Orleans. I found a ship, The Talleyrand, which will sail next week for New Orleans from here. By her I expect to send the machines.

Thursday—12th

Marked and shipped my machines, and took bill of lading. Consigned the same to Benj. Douglass, New Orleans, Fauy and Company, St. Louis, and L. W. Wilky, Beardstown, Illinois. Paid freight from Augusta, to Boston, $5.00, and drayage and wharfage 75c.

Freight to New Orleans $10.00. Had the machines insured at 3½c to Beardstown, policy covering $240.00. Called on Mr. Holmes, to whom I had a letter of introduction from my father. Mr. Holmes gave me $5.00 for Panther Creek Church. Mr. Benjamin Sewall gave me $1.00. Sent the policy of insurance to Stephen Sewall Winthrop, who is my security on notes. Went out to Linn, and spent the evening with Mrs. Hawthorne. Returned to Boston by 8 P. M.

Friday—13th

Made several calls today on friends, and took leave and left at 4 P. M. Left Boston for New York via Worcester and Norwich on the steamer, Worcester, through the Sound. Wrote Father at Boston.

Saturday—14th

Came into the city by breakfast. Stopped at No. 9 Park Place, and took breakfast with D. Goldsmith. Being rather unwell, Dr. Goldsmith gave me some blue pills. Called on Cousin George Douglass, Esq., to whom I showed some introductory letters to friends in this city. From him I received $50.00 toward the object held up in those letters for the benefit of Panther Creek Church. Went with Cousin Douglass, and took dinner where I met with his son, Benjamin Douglass, a Commission Merchant, New Orleans, and to whom I have just shipped from Boston, my machine. Went out to Harlem in a rail car where I found Sister Taliaferro Goldsmith well, and glad to see me. During my absence, her son, Alban, who was sick when I left, has departed of this life, aged 13 years.

Sunday—15th

Took oil today, which kept me indoors.

Monday—16th

At Harlem.

Wednesday—18th

Went to the City, and dined with Mr. and Mrs. Douglass at 19 Park Place. Wrote letters to Mrs. Sewall, Gen. Sewall, and D. Payne.

Thursday—19th

After an early breakfast I took leave of Cousin Douglass, and lady, and Dr. Goldsmith, and went on board the steamer Albany at 7 A. M. Came to the City of Albany at 6 P. M. having gone up the North River.'* Put up at the Franklin House to be in readiness for rail cars tomorrow morning. Today has been calm and warm.

Friday—20th: August, 1841

Sat off from Albany on rail cars for Syracuse at 7 A. M. Paid bill at the Franklin House. Lodging and breakfast was 87½c, and porterage 18¾c. Fare to Syracuse was $5.75, where I arrived at sunset in time to take passage on board the Canal Packet Syracuse for Lockport. Fare $5.00 including board. The boat is propelled by three horses, one before the others hitched to a tow line. We will continue on without stopping. 9 P. M. The berths, three tiers on right and left side of boat, are arranged. The horses are changed every 10 miles, and each rider or driver attends to his horses. 30 passengers on board.

Saturday—21st

Have had a comfortable night's rest. The Captain is a very pleasant man. The boat passes along without much motion except when passing through the several locks, and by other boats. Came to Rochester by dusk having passed through very pretty towns, and in good sight of many good farms along the canal. Season very dry, and water very low. I was transferred, with my baggage, to another boat with many others, the other boat called the Ontario. It is somewhat larger than the Syracuse, and faster. Passed a great number of canal boats and rafts of timber going to the North River.

Sunday—22nd

Came to Lockport by 10 A. M. where I stopped, and put up at the Lockport House. There is a railroad from here to Buffalo via Niagara Falls. I have a cough that troubles me very much at times.

Monday—23rd

Very cool wind. Walked about Lockport looking at the locks, and then took a seat in the rail car for Niagara Falls. Fare to the Falls 87½c, where I arrived at noon. Spent an hour or two looking at this great cataract of the world!!! Human description falls far short of the reality. Took passage in rail cars for Buffalo, where I arrived about 3 P. M. Put up at the American House.

Tuesday—24th

Looking around this place. It has quite a business aspect. Noticed several Indians and Canadians among the multitude. The great Lake Erie is stretched out in broad expanse on the North and West. Paid bill at the American House and went on board the steamer, James Madison, for Chicago. She put off at 3 P. M. Fare to Chicago, $20.00. The Lake is a beautiful expanse of water, and is quite smooth. At sunset I have considerable fever, and a cold with a cough.

Wednesday—25th

The steamer got aground last night about 11 P. M. near the town of Erie, Penn., Consequently, made but little progress. The morning has been occupied in getting off the steamer. At 12 noon off again to Erie, Penn.

Thursday—26th

Making good headway toward Detroit, where we arrived at 1 P. M. Passed on into the next lake, Lake St. Clair, and then on the river or passage between lakes, Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron, which affords much pleasure to the mind of the traveller. The water was smooth and clear.

Friday—27th

Our steamer has entered the large Lake

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*Hudson River.

Huron, and is making good headway. Noon. We have been out of sight of land for some time passing across the mouth of Saginaw Lake, the distance being 40 miles. Passed the Thunder Bolt Island, and Sandy Bay, a little before sunset. Through all these places there is a light, provided by the government, at night.

Saturday—28th

Stopped to wood at Mackinac Strait. Here the Capt. of our steamer procured some large, fine quality trout. There is a port of entry at this place. Many Indians assemble at certain times through the year to receive their pay. It being night when at the strait, I did not get up to satisfy my curiosity. Here a child was buried that died on board yesterday morning. It belonged to the squad of Dutch immigrants, most of whom, I understand, are from Norway. Come from what place they may, they are the most filthy race of beings I have seen for a long time. I should think they would all die from filth. There are 90 or 100 on board bound for Wisconsin Territory. The steamer left the strait about 4 A. M. and made her course into Lake Michigan. Many of the passengers are sea-sick this morning. It has not affected me yet. Stopped to wood at Manitou Islands. Just before we arrived there it poured down rain in torrents. We stopped about 1½ hours at these islands where we all went ashore for a little recreation. There is little or no soil, but the island is heavily timbered. The waters of these lakes is the best and purest in the world. Went on. Wind South and East.

Sunday—29th

There has been a heavy sea all night. Many of the passengers are sea-sick. The steamer has passed over to the Wisconsin side during the night, and is now proceeding along in sight of shore. Came to Milwaukee by 10 A. M. Here all the Dutch immigrants went on land. As they had much freight to deliver, and wood to take on, we were there 2 hours or more. We lay off some distance from the entrance of the river at this place, there being a large bar which prevents boats of our size from entering. Passed on, and stopped at Racine for a few minutes. Rev. Mr. Olcot, a Baptist minister, being on board, and many professors of religion, it was agreed to have a religious exercise, at which Rev. Mr. Olcot delivered a sermon. Most of the persons on board were present at the Meeting. We came into Chicago by 8 P. M. Went immediately to the stage office, and took seat for Peru, Illinois. The stage sat off at 10 o'clock, and will proceed all night.

Monday—30th

Came to a house in Kendall County, and stopped at the Hill's Tavern. Took breakfast about 12 o'clock. Passed on to Ottawa, and then to Peru, where the stage arrived by 8 o'clock. Distance travelled, 90 miles. Fare, $5.00, breakfast, 37½c. I have seen several places where the canal has been worked on, and there are a few hands at work at this time at Ottawa. This country is more rolling and rocky, and more wet. Have considerable fever today.

Tuesday—31st

At Peru waiting for a boat to go down the Illinois River. At 12 o'clock noon the steamer, Pavillion, has just arrived. Engaged passage thereon for Beardstown for $5.00. Paid bill at tavern at Peru, $1.00. Boat left at 1 P. M. Came to Peoria at 9 P. M. Stopped here an hour or two to take in the freight. The Illinois River is rather low, and the water is very filthy in its appearance. The boat called at Pekin and other places on the way down.

Wednesday—1st: September, 1841

We are making very good headway. Yesterday I paid Rev. Mr. Olcot with whom I have been travelling for some days, and who resides 8 miles from Rochester, New York, the sum of $7.50, amount of my subscription for "Farmer," which he is to pay over when he returns home, and forward a receipt for same. I have his receipt for the amount. The steamer has been aground at Grand Island for nearly 3 hours today, the river being very low. Arrived at Beardstown by P. M. being too late to reach home tonight. Put up at Beardstown.

Thursday—2nd
Engaged Mr. Beard to send me out home, where I arrived by noon. My family rejoiced to see me home. I never saw so extensive a drouth as is prevailing at this time. All the branches are entirely dry, and most of the springs. We have to water our horses at the Sangamon River, which is also very low. The little rain that has fallen is hardly perceptible.

Friday—3rd
Took medicine, and found myself very weak. Warm and dry.

Saturday—4th
Notwithstanding this long drought, the corn looks well, and the wheat, I hear, is very abundant. Some of my neighbors have called to see me today.

Sunday—5th
Remained at home all day. Henry and Catherine went to Virginia.

Tuesday—7th
Mr. Ingalls, and Mr. Samuel Lyons called, and spent the day.

Thursday—9th
Eliza and myself went to Virginia. Stopped at Capt. West's, and spent most of the day. High wind and dark clouds. Some thunder. All of which passed off to the North without rain. Returned home. Night overtook us before we reached home, and a heavy cloud of rain prevented us from proceeding without danger. Mrs. Sewall was thrown from her horse, and she went back to Mr. Thompson's. I returned home to find that there has been much more rain there.

Friday—10th
Mrs. Sewall came home. She complains of being hurt very much. She has been taking medicine.

Saturday—11th
Henry attended Muster at Virginia. Not being well I remained home.

Sunday—12th
Attended Divine Worship in the neighborhood. Rev. Mr. Farmer was present, and preached. Cool. During the intermission nothing was done to the Sabbath School. I am sorry to find it declining. My health is much better.

Monday—13th
Henry hauled hay, assisted by Mr. Thomas Wilson, an Englishman who has lately moved into the neighborhood.

Tuesday—14th and Wednesday—15th
Hauled hay, and repaired stacks which had been blown off in the wind. Wrote to Father.

Thursday—16th
Have not heard a word from the threshing machine.

Saturday—18th
Began to cut up corn. Made a few stakes.

Sunday—19th
Attended the Sabbath School, after the close of which I read a sermon to a few that were present. Cool and dry.

Monday—20th: Sept., 1841
Henry and myself cutting up corn. Capt. Dutch and wife dined with us.

Thursday—23rd
Rained a little. Henry and myself hauled home wood from the East timber lot on the North side of the river.

Saturday—25th
Henry went to Virginia. I mended harness.

Monday—27th
Rainy forepart of the day. Sat off with daughter Catherine for Monticello Seminary accompanied by Harriet Dutch. As the afternoon was quite rainy I did not go any farther than Virginia. Stopped at N. B. Thompson's.

Tuesday—28th
Sat off early, having taken in charge two of Benjamin Beasley's daughters who also

are going to Monticello, and came to English's by dusk. Roads quite heavy most of the way.

Wednesday—29th
Came to the Seminary by the middle of the P. M. where I left all the girls, and put myself up at the Monticello Tavern.

Thursday—30th
Went to Alton, accompanied by Catherine, and purchased a few things necessary for the ensuing year. After dinner came back as far as Fisher's, Jerseyville, where I stopped to see in operation Pitt's threshing machine. Put up for the night.

Friday—1st: October, 1841
Remained at Fisher's all day, it being stormy.

Saturday—2nd
Came up as far as Manchester, and put up.

Sunday—3rd
At Manchester all day. Attended Divine worship and heard Rev. Mr. Wood.

Monday—4th
Up early, and came to Jacksonville by 10 o'clock. Stopped at Major Simms, and since I had not seen that family since being East, I remained all night.

Tuesday—5th
Came home.

Friday—8th
Hauled corn, and put hogs up to fatten.
Saturday—9th
Went to Virginia and thence home via the tanners, where I bought some leather.

Sunday—10th: October, 1841
My black horse, Jack, was stolen from my stable last night, together with a new halter and an old blind bridle. Attended Divine worship.

Monday—11th
Went in pursuit of my horse. Rainy. Went to Beardstown and returned via Virginia. Stopped at Col. West's.

Tuesday—12th
Advertised my horse and sent one of the advertisements to the Editor of the Sangamon Journal, and the Missouri Republican. Came home.

Wednesday—13th
Mr. Maine came to work for $1.25 per day. Repairing house. Henry went to horse mill.

Thursday—14th
Mr. Maine at work on house. Received information that 5 pieces of my thrashing machine came to Beardstown.

Saturday—16th
Went to Beardstown, and saw all my thrashing machine land safely. Paid freight charges, storage, etc., $45.00. Brought home part of my machine. The balance can remain in the care of Basset & Taylor without further charge for the term of one month.

Monday—18th
Engaged Amos Smith to work for me at $20.00 per month. Rainy.

Tuesday—19th
Mr. Maine finished what work there is to be done for the present. Amos Smith at work on the timbers preparatory to moving the stable.

Wednesday—20th: October, 1841
Amos Smith at work on the wagon bed. I went to Virginia.

Thursday—21st to Saturday—23rd
Amos Smith at work. Hauled corn for fattening hogs.

Sunday—24th
Old Mr. Plasters died this morning. He was buried this evening.

Tuesday—26th
Commenced seeding wheat at the Northern place. Henry plowing with two horses. I began to seed the orchard ground.

Wednesday—27th to Saturday—30th
Seeding wheat. Hauled corn to the fattening hogs.

Sunday—31st
Remained at home.

Monday—1st: November, 1841
Harrowed over the wheat ground. Disagreeable all day.

Tuesday—2nd
Hauled corn to the fattening hogs. Hauled wood.

Thursday—4th
Went to Virginia.

Friday—5th
Made a shelter for my machines.

Saturday—6th
Went to Beardstown, and brought home my thrashing machine and horse power. Cold morning.

Sunday—7th
Attended Meeting at the usual place. Rev. Mr. Turner preached.

Monday—8th and Tuesday—9th
Hauling corn. Henry plowed for wheat all day.

Thursday—11th: November, 1841
Rainy. Hauled corn for the horses.

Friday—13th
Seeding wheat. Warm.

Monday—15th
Pulled corn for the hogs. Warm.

Tuesday—16th
Plowing in wheat. Went to Sugar Creek* Mill with corn.

Thursday—18th
Finished plowing in wheat at the Northern place.

Friday—19th
Henry finished harrowing over wheat ground at the Northern place. Went to Virginia where I met with Mr. Libby with one of his thrashing machines. He came home with me, with his machine, and stopped with me. He will remain until Monday. Roads muddy.

Saturday—20th: November, 1841
Henry hauled wood. Mr. Libby sat up and started my thrashing machine. Thrashed about 35 bushels of oats with his horses, and one of mine.

Monday—22nd
Mr. Libby went to the Military Tract, and I went to Jacksonville. Amos Smith at work on the machinery.

Thursday—25th
Snow storm from North. Amos Smith did not do much.

Friday—26th
Went to Virginia with the wagon and horses. Delivered 1½ bushels of meal to Mr. Nailer, and Mr. Haskel on accounts. Brought home my saddle that Mr. Haskel has just made for me.

Saturday—27th
Went to Virginia.

Sunday—28th
Remained at home all day. Cold and severe weather.

Monday—29th
Cold. Painting covers for thrashing machine.

Tuesday—30th
Went to Virginia to have some work done for machine. Cold.

December — 1841
Wednesday—1st to Saturday—4th
Finished the work on the thrashing machine. Put up the machine, and ran it for an hour without grain, and worked two of my horses. Both of them do well. Hauled wood.

Sunday—5th
Very cold and blustery weather. Attended Divine worship.

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*Six miles north of Beardstown, Schuyler County.

Monday—6th
Having fitted up my machine, I moved it over to Mr. Fielding's, a near neighbor, and began thrashing some of his wheat, but it being wet I did not do but little.

Tuesday—7th
Thrashing wheat at Mr. Fielding's half a day. Commenced working his horse on the horse power. While he works in my service I am to pay him 25c per day. P. M.: Went to Virginia and appeared before the County Commission. Explained that my taxes were too much. They considered the matter, and reduced them down about ½.

Wednesday—8th
Worked my little gray mare on the horse power today.

Friday—10th: December, 1841
Rainy. Cleaned up my meat house. Killed three hogs in the P. M.

Saturday—11th
Thrashed at Fielding's. The machine works better every day.

Sunday—12th
Attended preaching at Sq. Bonny's. Cold and blustery.

Monday—13th
Repairing wagon. Hauled part of a load of corn to hogs, and some to the horses. Wet weather.

Tuesday—14th
Went to Beardstown, and sold to L. H. Wilky 28 of my best hogs at $2.00 per hundred, to be delivered at Beardstown as soon as possible.

Thursday—16th
Preparing to kill hogs.

Friday—17th
Killed 22 hogs, assisted by Edmond Fielding, Thomas Wilson, James Thompson, and Thomas Plaster.

Saturday—18th
Went to Beardstown, accompanied by son Henry. Had Mr. John Fielding's wagon and horses. Delivered to Wilkey 18 hogs. Received $66.83. I shall not get pay for my corn!!

Sunday—19th
Attended Meeting at the usual place. Mr. Samuel Lyons and wife constituted themselves into the Congregational Church. I fear this will lead to considerable difficulty, since some prefer Presbyterian, and some Congregational form.

Monday—20th: December, 1841
At noon went over to Fielding's, and finished the job of thrashing. Loaded up the machine with the intention of moving it home, but as it became late, I was compelled to leave it until the morning. Have thrashed for Fielding 127½ bushels of oats. This has been a very tedious and unprofitable job because the wheat was wet and in bad order, and there was not enough help.

Tuesday—21st
Went over to Fielding's, and brought home the machine. The ground is frozen very hard.

Wednesday—22nd
Severe storm.

Saturday—25th
Christmas. Ground frozen hard, and much ice on the roads. Went to the mill, and got up wood.

Monday—27th
Went down to N. B. Thompson's farm with thrashing machine. Had Fielding's horse. Threshing by the P. M.

Friday—31st
Thrashing at Thompson's.

Saturday—1st: January, 1842
Came home, and got up wood.

Sunday—2nd
Attended Meeting at the usual place. Mr. Turner preached.

Monday—3rd
Very cold. Thrashing wheat.

Tuesday—4th
Came home with the machine, since it is too cold, as the hands say, to work. Went to Squire Bonny's with the machine in readiness to thrash in the morning.

Wednesday—5th to Friday—7th
Thrashing wheat at Bonny's. 27½ bushels thrashed.

Sunday—9th
Wrote to Catherine, as she has been sick with lung fever.

Monday—10th: January, 1842
Thrashing at Thomas Plaster's.

Wednesday—12th
Finished thrashing at Plaster's. Mrs. Marcus Chandler died last night.

Thursday—13th
Moved machine over to Thompson's, and worked most of the day.

Sunday—16th
Attended Meeting at the usual place.

Monday—17th
Birthday. 45 years old. Finished thrashing at Mr. James Thompson's, and moved the machine home. Warm and pleasant weather.

Tuesday—18th
Up early, and went down to the Bottom to N. B. Thompson's wheat for the purpose of finishing the balance of the thrashing.

Wednesday—19th
Thrashed half a day. Cloudy and rainy.

Thursday—20th: January, 1842
Ground covered with snow.

Friday—21st
Finished thrashing at Thompson's , and moved the machine as far as Widow Carr's stack of wheat, and set it.

Saturday—22nd
Threshed Widow Carr's wheat gratuitously because she is poor and needy. Came home with the machine. Received a letter from Mr. Washington Libby, and daughter Catherine.

Sunday—23rd
Remained home all day, not being well.

Monday—24th
Hauled wood preparatory to slaughtering hogs.

Tuesday—25th
Slaughtered the remainder of the hogs, and cut them up.

Wednesday—26th
Went with machine up the bottom as far as Robert Davidson's, for the purpose of thrashing his grain.

Thursday—27th to Saturday—29th
Thrashing wheat for Mr. Davidson.

Sunday—30th
At Robert Davidson's. Being so far away from home I concluded to rest today.

Monday—31st
Finished threshing for Dr. Davidson: Quantity, 363 bushels.

Tuesday—1st: February—1842
Moved the machine over to Mr. McHenry's, and set it. Went to work. The grain being in bad order, I did not do much.

Wednesday—2nd
Finished McHenry's wheat, and came home with machine. Found all well. Quantity threshed for McHenry was 70 bushels. Some rain today, which rendered the travelling rather heavy.

Thursday—3rd
Cleaning machine. Beautiful weather.

Friday—4th
Quite a change in weather. The ground is covered with snow, and wind North. Mr. D. B. Ayers came, and stayed the past night with us. He went to Jacksonville this morning. Not very cold. Snow very damp.

Saturday—5th
Very sloppy under foot. Hauled wood. Warm.

Sunday—6th
At home, there being no preaching in the neighborhood.

Wednesday—9th
Mrs. Sewall and myself spent the day at Capt. Dutch's.

Thursday—10: February, 1842
Hauled wood.

Sunday—13th
Attended Meeting at the usual place. Mr. Turner preached. Warm and beautiful weather.

Monday—14th
Went to Reavis's consulting about school for the summer season. The prospect of procuring a good teacher is quite dull.

Tuesday—15th
Hauling the remainder of the crop of corn. Evening, snowing. Weather moderate.

Friday—18th
Strong S. E. wind, which has blown hard all night. Moderate weather this morning. Henry and myself went into the field to haul in corn. Did not gather in but one load in consequence of it having set in to snow from the North, and become much colder. Wrote to Rev. Mr. Baldwin, which letter went off in today's mail. Evening. Cold and blustery. Kept within doors.

Monday—21st
Henry and myself, after getting up a load of wood, hauled corn.

Tuesday—22nd
Hauling in corn. Isiac George helping. Beautiful day.

Monday—28th
Went to Virginia. Very warm. Showers of rain attended with thunder and lightning.

Tuesday—1st: March, 1842
Very warm for the season. Shelled corn and hauled wood.

Wednesday—2nd
Very warm. Mrs. Carter, a neighbor of ours, having died quite suddenly last evening, I have been engaged in the funeral ceremonies most of the day.

Sunday—6th
At home. No preaching.

Tuesday—8th
Went to Mr. Rickard's, a shoemaker near Dr. Chandler's, and had my boots repaired. Warm.

Wednesday—9th
Went to Beardstown. Very warm. Peter Whitlow set in to work for $11.00 per month.

Thursday—10: March, 1842
Killed 3 hogs, being the balance of the fattening hogs. Sold 241 pounds to James Carter to be paid in lumber at $2.00 per hundred. Very cold and chilly. Wind from the N. E.

Friday—11th
Mending harness, and making preparations to go down to Monticello after daughter Catherine on the morrow. Moderate weather.

Saturday—12th
Cold morning. Rode down to see Mr. Horrom by request of Dr. Prosser. Sat off for Jacksonville, where I arrived by sunset. Stopped at Mr. Simm's.

Sunday—13th
At Mr. Simms. Beautiful day. Attended Church with the Presbyterians. Dined with Dr. Prosser.

Monday—14th
Up early, and came to Monticello. Put up at Jerseyville. A good day's travel.

Tuesday—15th
Up early, and came to Monticello by 9. A. M. in season for the commencement exercises. Found Catherine in good health. At the Seminary all day listening to the exercises.

Wednesday—16th
Up early, and went down to Alton. Saw

Mr. Libby. Cannot make any judicious trade for the county right, his price being too high. Returned to the Seminary, and heard part of the exercises of the day. Very warm. Beautiful roads.

Thursday—17th

Up early, and sat off for home. Came to Manchester. One of the horses taken sick with the colic. Relieved her with saleratus. Very warm.

Friday—18th

Catherine broke out with the measles. Came slowly to Jacksonville, and put up at Dr. Prosser's. Very warm, and the roads are dry. Not very well myself, having a bad cold. In consequence of Catherine's situation we had to remain the night.

Saturday—19th

Very warm. Came home with Catherine. Quite sick myself, and much fatigued. Took calomel.

Sunday—20th: March, 1842

At home sick under the influence of medicine. Catherine sick with the measles. Warm and dry.

Monday—21st

Not well. Catherine much better. Eliza and Henry went to Virginia.

Tuesday—22nd

Cooler weather. Rode up to Mr. Thomas Watkins, and returned home as far as Isaac Hickey's.

Wednesday—23rd

Came home much fatigued. Not well. Took medicine. Peter Whitlow absent.

Thursday—24th

Cool weather. Peter Whitlow absent. Wrote a letter to Cousin Stephen Sewall, Winthrop, Maine. High wind.

Friday—25th

Cool weather. Henry raking stalks preparatory to sowing oats. Not well.

Sunday—27th

Attended Meeting. Rev. Mr. Turner preached. Communion of the Church. Warm.

Monday—28th

Peter Whitlow at work. Warm and dry. Went to Beardstown.

Tuesday—29th

Plowing in oats. Henry and Peter W. at work. Warm and dry.

Thursday—31st

Plowing in oats. Cattle are doing very well on the grass, which has been plenty for more than a week. This is a remarkable season. Finished seeding the ground about the house in oats. Sowed about 6 acres of oats, and put thereon 12 bushels of seed.

Friday—1st: April, 1842

Rode around to most of my neighbors relative to a school which I have concluded to take charge of until harvest. I am compelled to do this for the benefit of my own children. Received a letter from my mother.

Saturday—2nd

Commenced seeding 20 acres in oats in cornfield. Warm, and very dry.

Sunday—3rd

High wind. Very warm and dry. Cloudy. Some appearances of rain. At home all day. About 10 A. M. there was a fine shower of rain, the most that has fallen since the 28th of February. Some considerable thunder and lightning accompanied the rain.

Monday—4th

Commenced finishing my well. Mr. George at work, and Peter is plowing in the oats. Warm. Began to wall up the well.

Thursday—7th

John Nicklow moved out of my house, (the Northern place). Made garden.

Friday—8th

Cold morning. Mr. George worked on the well, and finished it. Evening. Hauled wood.

Saturday—9th

Catherine and myself went to Virginia. Beautiful day. Company Muster in this neighborhood. Peter Whitlow absent.

Monday—11th: April, 1842
Commenced my school. Plowing in oats.

Tuesday—12th
Some rain fell last night. Plowing in oats. Warm and sultry. Very good growing season. Everything has put out its leaves, and there is an abundance of grass.

Wednesday—13th to Friday—15th
Plowing in oats. Cool weather.

Monday—18th
Henry went to the mill.

Tuesday—19th
Some frost this morning. Breaking ground for corn. Only one plow running. Most of the neighbors are planning corn. Old Gray had a mare colt.

Sunday—24th
The children went to hear Mr. Turner who preached at the Congregational Church, near Dr. Chandler's. Mrs. S. and myself remained at home.

Monday—25th
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Beardstown. Cloudy and cool.

Tuesday—26th
Sat up my clock which I brought home from Beardstown yesterday. Son Henry rode my horse, Tallyrand, to a Muster at Mr. Reavis's. Henry Crawford set in to work for 3 months for $33.00 payable in trade. Breaking up corn ground. Two plows running.

Wednesday—27th and Thursday—28th
Finished breaking South cut of corn, and furrowing same. Two plows running.

Friday—29th
Finished furrowing out South cut of corn, and planted about 3 or 4 acres in the afternoon.

Saturday—30th
Muster. Very warm. Peter Whitlow absent. Henry Crawford worked half a day. Made some benches at the school house.

Sunday—1st: May, 1842
Went to Virginia to Meeting.

Monday—2nd
Flint Wilson's son helped me all day. Planting South cut of corn.

Tuesday—3rd
Cold morning. Thomas Plaster's son Meridith dropping corn.

Thursday—5th
Breaking up ground. Two plows running. Had to borrow a horse of Thomas Wilson, one of my horses being sick. Planted pumpkins.

Plowing up North cut of corn. Peter Whitlow having displeased me, his conduct being such as I cannot endure, I therefore settled and discharged him. He has worked 26 days at $11.00 per month.

Saturday—7th
Finished breaking up corn ground. Went to Jacksonville and stopped at Dr. Prosser's.

Sunday—8th
Presbyterians in session for the installation of Rev. Mr. Williams in the Church at Jacksonville.

Monday—9th
Came home accompanied by Dr. Prosser and Cousin Louisa, and three children.

Tuesday—10th: May, 1842
Dr. Prosser with us.

Wednesday—11th
Dr. Prosser returned with his family. I began to plant corn.

Thursday—12th
Have this day had served on me a summons to appear before Squire Dumser, Beardstown, to answer to Miller for the amount I owe him.

Friday—13th
Attended school. Cool day. Catherine received a letter from her grandpa and grandma. Finished planting by 1 o'clock noon. P. M.: Hauled wood, and shelled corn.

Saturday—14th
Shelling corn. In the P. M. I thrashed out

most of the stack of wheat at the Northern place.

Sunday—15th
Remained at home all day. Beautiful day.

Monday—16th
Attended Circuit Court at Virginia as grand juror. Henry finished thrashing wheat.

Tuesday—17th
Attended Court as grand juror.

Wednesday—18th
Attended school. Replanting corn.

Thursday—19th
Cold N. E. storm. Henry Crawford went to Beardstown on his own business.

Saturday—21st: May, 1842
Kept school.
Commenced a Sabbath School at my own house. Attended Prayer Meeting at Mr. Cole's.

Tuesday—24th
Hauled wood. Amos Smith got for me 13 bushels of corn. Cool.

Friday—27th
Clear and cool. Henry Crawford went to Virginia with a small load of meal.

Saturday—28th
Went to Beardstown. Sent Henry Crawford to Robinson's Mill.

Sunday—29th
Attended Sabbath School in my own house.

Tuesday—31st
Plowed over South cut of corn.

June—1842: Wednesday, 1st
Dr. Prosser came here accompanied by Mr. Wm. Hunt, and spent the night. They left at sunrise.

Sunday—5th
Went to Cole's for Meeting. Rev. Mr. Daniel preached. The creeks are very full in consequence of the rain which fell yesterday.

Wednesday—8th
Henry Crawford hauled up one load of wood. P. M.: Planted corn. Rather wet.

Thursday—9th
Cool. Some rain last night.

Friday—10th: June, 1842
Finished at noon going half over the corn once. Messrs Washington and Francis Libby came here from Alton. They own the patent right of the Pitt's machine for this State. Thinned out South cut in corn. Did not keep school this P. M.

Saturday—11th
Purchased the right for Cass county for the Pitts machine of the Libbys, for the sum of $500.00, payable in 4 years in wheat delivered at Alton at the market price. First note dated today payable in wheat delivered at Alton in 4 months for $120.00
2nd note payable 12 months.................$120.00
3rd note payable 2 years......................$120.00
4th note payable 3 years $140.00

$500.00

Sent Henry Crawford to the Robinson Mill with wheat. Henry and myself plowing corn.

Monday—13th and Tuesday—14th
Attended school. Plowing corn.

Wednesday—14th
Catherine attended school. Commenced cutting clover and rye. There are a great many army worms which have mostly destroyed the clover.

Thursday—16th
Mowing wheat and clover. Son Henry and Clinton Hickey plowing South cut of corn. James Hickey and Henry mowing. I put up hogs. Catherine kept school.

Friday—17th
Finished mowing wheat and clover. Son Henry went to Beardstown. Warm.

Saturday—18th
Went to Virginia. Sent Henry C. to Robinson's Mill with wheat.

Sunday—19th
Attended my Sabbath School. The members have increased considerably.

Tuesday—21st: June, 1842
Plowing corn. Could not get wheat ground until the last of the week. Rainy today.

Wednesday—22nd
Plowing corn. Bought a horse of James Purkapiles, payable December 25th next, for the sum of $95.00. He is to let me clean and thrash 400 bushels of wheat at 8c in part payment of said horse.

Thursday—23rd
Plowing corn. Hoed over cabbage. The corn is doing well, and this bids fair to be a good crop.

Friday—24th
Plowing corn. Son Henry went to Robinson's Mill with the expectation of bringing home the balance of flour, but it was not ground, and was disappointed. Mr. Marcus Hicks dined with us. Received a letter from Father.

Saturday—25th
Went to Beardstown. On my way I saw several of the farmers relative to threshing their oats. The prospects look favorable for plenty of business.

Sunday—26th
Attended Sabbath School. Went to Meeting at the Church near Dr. Chandler's. Marcus Hicks preached.

Monday—27th
Son Henry plowing. Closed my school. Light showers.

Wednesday—29th
Fine weather for my business. Corn looks clean and flourishing, and the crops of wheat and oats very abundant. Some of the farmers in the county have already begun to harvest.

Friday—1st: July, 1842
Went to Jacksonville. Henry went to Robinson's Mill. Warm. Dined on my way at Mr. Job's. Came to Jacksonville a little before night.

Saturday—2nd
At Jacksonville.

Sunday—3rd
Attended Meeting at Presbyterian Church. It was Communion Season.

Monday—4th
Independence. Sabbath School convened at Jacksonville. Met in the Methodist Church where several addresses were made, suitable to the occasion. Bought of Dr. Prosser a horse named Net for $80.00, payable at Christmas, for the use of the machine. Came home at dark.

Tuesday—5th
Went up to Mr. Purkapiles to see him about the horse I bought of him which has become lame. Could not affect any change in the contract.

Wednesday—6th
Went to Virginia with flour. Warm.

Friday—8th
Went to Beardstown.

Sunday—10th: July, 1842
Attended Sabbath School and Divine Worship at the Church near Dr. Chandler's. Rev. Mr. Post of Illinois College preached. Warm.

Monday—11th
Commenced harvesting. Went in pursuit of another horse. After calling at several places I stopped at Mr. John Lange's.

Tuesday—12th
Bought of Lange a horse named Rock, and gave him my note for $80.00, payable at Christmas. Son Henry cutting wheat.

Wednesday—13th
Went up the bottom to hunt for hands for harvest time.

Thursday—14th
Went to Virginia to get my horses shod for machine. Henry doing what little he can in the wheat.

Friday—15th
Went to Virginia, and had my horses shod, and other work preparatory to threshing. James Hickey, alias Adkins, cradling for me at the Northern place.

Monday—18th: July, 1842
Went to Jacksonville and back as far as Virginia. Stopped at Col. West's. Renewed my notes in Bank of Illinois for 4 months, and paid $24.00, which pays the interest in advance for that time, and reduces the principal to $343.00.

Tuesday—19th to Friday—22nd
At work on the threshing machine. James Adkins cradling oats.

Saturday—23rd
Warm. Threshing wheat for Mr. Jones. The horses being unaccustomed to this business, I had to stop and make an alteration. James Adkins cradling oats.

Wednesday—27th
Finished the horse power and began thrashing about 4 P. M.

Friday—29th
Began threshing, but it having begun to rain, stopped and went home. James and William Adkins worked ¾ day.

Monday—1st: August, 1842
State and County election. Attended as Clerk at Reavis's. Henry Crawford went to town for himself. Cool. N. E. wind. Some little frost last night.

Saturday—6th
Finished threshing at Jones's. Finished this job. 591 bushels. Expenses deducted while altering horse power, including material bought of Jones, $5.44. Balance due me from Jones, which he has agreed to place to my credit on the books of E. R. Sanders and Company, Beardstown in a few days, amounts to $35.93. Loaded up, and came home in the evening.

Tuesday—9th
Threshing at Purkapile's. Henry Crawford at work.

Wednesday—10th to Saturday—13
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Threshing at Purkapile's.

Sunday—14th
Rainy. At home.

Monday—15th
Engaged Edmond Fielding and Thomas Wilson to go with me when threshing in the place of Henry Crawford, discharged.

Saturday—20th
Finished threshing wheat for Purkapiles and loaded up. The amount due me for the threshing will be credited on the note due him for horse.

Sunday—21st
Drove down as far as Marcus Chandler's, and attended Meeting at Meeting House.M. M. Hicks preached.

Monday—22nd to Saturday—27th
Threshed at Marcus Chandler's.

Sunday—28th
Attended Prayer Meeting at 10 A. M. Not much interest manifested in the Communion of the Church.

Tuesday—30th
Finished threshing at Mr. Marcus Chandler's, and moved the machine to Mr. Horace Goodell's, and threshed.

Thursday—1st: September, 1842
Threshed and finished wheat at Mr. Friend's. Moved down to Henry Ingall's. The weather has been extremely hot the days past.

Sunday—3rd
Attended Meeting as usual.

Saturday—10th
Finished Ingall's wheat. Thomas Wilson worked on the roads today.

Sunday—11th
At home all day.

Monday—12th
Thrashing for Mr. Wing, but on account of the rain did but little.

Friday—15th: September, 1842
Finished threshing for Mr. Wing. Moved home the machine, and set the same at my own stack yard. Hauled wood.

Sunday—18th
Attended Meeting. Mr. Holmes, from Lane Seminary, preached.

Tuesday—20th
Finished threshing oats, and began to the wheat. Adkins at work.

Thursday—22nd
Sent to Beardstown 20 sacks of wheat, hauled by Robert Carter, care of Bassett and Taylor, for use of Libby and Company. Threshing wheat. Adkins at work.

Saturday—24th
Went to Beardstown with a load of wheat. Cutting corn. Cool nights. Some of our family are down with the chills. Weather very dry. Times hard. Wheat 25c cash, or 31c in goods.

Tuesday—27th
Threshing my own wheat, which I finished by noon. Dry weather.

Friday—30th
Threshing for Oren Hicks. The corn fodder has all dried up from the frosts we have had.

Saturday—1st: October, 1842
Finished Hicks's wheat, and moved over to Bonny's, and threshed 51 bushels. Edmond Fielding has worked all this week.

Sunday—2nd
At home all day.

Monday—3rd
Loaded up machine, and went part way to Adkins' wheat, but having been disappointed in getting my horses shod came home with machine, and went to Virginia. Thomas Wilson with me.

Tuesday—4th
Went to Beardstown with load of wheat for Libby and Co., and had two of my horses shod.

Wednesday—5th
Went with machine to Myers's farm. Set it, and threshed for Stephen Davis. Thomas Wilson with me.

Thursday—6th
Finished threshing for Davis, and moved to Mr. R. Leeper's.

Saturday—8th
Finished what Leeper wanted threshed at this time, and moved up to Adkins's wheat. Cool day.

Monday—10th: October, 1842
Went up to Meyers, and threshed wheat for Adkins.

Thursday—13th
Threshed and finished wheat for Adkins, and moved to Richardson's, near Dr. Chandler's.

Friday—14th
Finding the horse power out of order, can not thresh until next week.

Saturday—15th
Thomas Wilson seeding wheat with machine and horses. Commenced seeding oats stubble. Perry Northern has worked 11 days seeding wheat, and his brother 5 days at $6.00 per month.

Wednesday—19th
Threshing for Richardson. Henry plowing in wheat.

Friday—21st
Finished threshing for Richardson. The horse power broke down. Thomas Wilson came home with the horses and attempted to plow the stubble, but it having not been burnt off he could not do much.

Monday—24th: October, 1842
At George Bonny's repairing machinery.

Wednesday—26th
Finished repairing machinery.

Thursday—27th
George Bonny and myself put the machinery together.

Friday—28th
Threshed oats for feed until dinner, after which I went to work on the wheat. Son Henry who is with me at the machine took sick, and could not be here in the afternoon. Mr. Richardson's sons measured half a day.

Saturday—29th
Had a late start, and the machine got out of order several times. The machine went well when she did go. Warm.

Sunday—30th
At home.

Monday—31st
Went to Richardson's, and threshed a little. Warm.

Tuesday—1st: November, 1842
At Richardson's. Threshing.

Thursday—3rd
Have threshed 400 or more bushels of wheat for Richardson, and the remainder of his wheat he does not wish threshed at this time. Moved to Comstock's. (J. H. Goodell farm).

Friday—4th
Up early at the machine, and threshed for Comstock. Straw long and tough.

Sunday—6th
At home all day.

Monday—7th
Rainy in the forepart of the day. Not suitable weather for threshing. Went to Virginia.

Tuesday—8th
Set and put away 200 cabbages. Made hog pen in which to fatten hogs.

Wednesday—9th
Ground covered with snow. Hauled wood.

Thursday—10th
Hauled rails preparatory to putting up hogs.

Friday—11th
Hauled a load of corn out of the field.

Tuesday—15th: November, 1842
Hauled two loads of corn. Damp weather.

Friday—18th
Very severe and cold, blustery day. Cattle feel the weather very much. About all Henry and I can do is to keep the fires, and feed the stock.

Sunday—20th
Remained home all day. Chilly and raw weather.

Monday—21st
Went to Jacksonville on sled. Arrived by sunset.

Tuesday—22nd
Renewed my note at the bank. Did some other business. Sat off, and came home with daughter Catherine. Snow mostly gone.

Wednesday—23rd
Very cold. Hauled 3 loads of corn to the hogs.

Thursday—24th to Monday—28th
Severe weather. Gathered corn for the horses. Shucked 1⅛ loads.

Wednesday—30th
About 2 inches of snow has fallen during the past night. Hauled one load for the hogs. Hauled up wood on sleds.

Thursday—1st: December, 1842
Mild weather. Henry and myself went into the bottom, and hauled up wood. The snow wasted so fast we did not haul but ½ day.

Saturday—3rd
Went to Richardson's, and had my boots repaired. Went to the machine yet at Comstock's, and looked at its condition. All well.

Sunday—4th
Remained home all day.

Monday—5th
Gathered corn for the hogs. One load. Creeks quite full.

Tuesday—6th
Went to the mill, and got corn ground. Henry is laid up with a lame knee.

Wednesday—7th
Some sleet. Went to the shop, and got horses shod, Rock and Tom. Pulled load of corn, and put up in corn crib.

Friday—9th
Had to turn out fattening hogs. The mud got deep. Went to the mill, and got the remainder of the corn ground which makes 14½ bushels. Cold wind.

Sunday—11th: December, 1842
Henry laid up with swelled knee. Remained home all day.

Monday—12th
Dark and cloudy. Gathered a load of corn, 5 rows, and put in corn crib.

Wednesday—14th
Made cow pen, etc. Sleet still remains.

Thursday—15th
This day a summons was served on me to appear before Sq. Bonny on complaint of Peter Whitlow for failing to pay the sum of $10.75.

Friday—16th
Hauled wood, and a shock of corn for the cattle. It has thawed some today.

Sunday—18th
Henry still confined to the house. I remained home all day.

Tuesday—20th: December, 1842
Went to Richardson's and had my boots mended. Some rain fell today.

Wednesday—21st
Very cold morning. This day has been the coldest we have had this season. We have gathered altogether 111 rows in the South cut of corn.

Saturday—24th
Henry nearly well. He helped me haul in two loads of corn to the hogs today.

Sunday—25th
Christmas. Beautiful day. Mild.

Monday—26th
George Bonny and myself worked on the machine. His charge for what he has done on the machine at Comstock's is $1.00.

Tuesday—27th to Saturday—31st
Hauled in corn for hogs and cattle. Cloudy and cold.

Sunday—1st: January, 1843
Clear and moderate. Attended Meeting at Squire Bonny's. Rev. Mr. Sringer preached. At candle light the children went down to Mr. Reavis's to Meeting.

Monday—2nd
Went to Virginia, and handed in my schedule on account of my school which I kept last summer. Very cold day.

Tuesday—3rd
Clear, and very cold morning. Cows, Cherry and Star, each had a calf, one of which was nigh frozen.

Wednesday—4th
Henry and myself each hauled 2 loads of corn, 5 rows.

Thursday—5th
Warm. Went to the shop, and had one of my horses shod, and went to the machine to make preparations for threshing. Ground thawing very much.

Friday—6th
Cloudy. Henry hauled a load of wood.

Saturday—7th
Attended Prayer Meeting at Mr. Ingall's. Good sledding. The Baptists held a meeting at Mr. Reavis's at candle light.

Monday—9th
Henry and myself attempted to haul up some wood, and broke our sleds.

Tuesday—10th: January, 1843
Mended one of our sleds, and moved some wood.

Wednesday—11th
Henry and myself hauled two loads of corn to the hogs, and one load for the horses. It commenced snowing at night.

Thursday—12th
About 10 inches of snow fell last night. Hauled 3 loads of stock corn. P. M.: There is now on the level in the woods about 15 inches of snow. Thus far this winter approached like the winter of 1830 and 31.

Friday—13th
Hauled wood preparatory to slaughtering hogs.

Monday—16th
Warm, and the snow is wasting rapidly. Slaughtered 20 hogs. Horace Goodell and James Thompson assisted me.

Tuesday—17th
Birthday. 46 years old. Henry and myself went to Beardstown with the 20 hogs. Prices for pork, 200 pounds and upward, $1.50 per 100. For 150 to 200 pounds, $1.25 per 100, and for less weight, not less than 100 pounds, $1.00 per hundred. Paid what was due to Wilkinson, Beasley, and Olin of Virginia, and Schneider of Beardstown.

Wednesday—18th
Very muddy under foot. Hauled one shock of stock corn. Wrote A. W. Cory after I endorsed the W. and F. Libby bond for a bid of patents.

Sunday—22nd: January, 1843
Attended Meeting at Dr. Chandler's.

Monday—23rd
Commenced threshing about noon at Comstock's. Machine does very well.

Tuesday—24th
Finished at Comstock's. Threshed 119 bushels, and moved to Briggs'.

Friday—27th
Finished Briggs wheat and moved on to George Bonny's. Should have finished sooner, but broke a bolt on Wednesday, which caused some delay.

Sunday—29th
Attended Meeting at Squire Bonny's. Warm.

Monday—30th
Began to thresh for Squire Bonny. It began to snow, which prevented me from further threshing this day. Hauled wood.

Wednesday—1st: February, 1843
The weather is cold today, but not blustery.

Friday—3rd
Moved the stock corn. Hauled wood. Moderate weather.

Saturday—4th
Went to Bonny's, and after consuming most of the morning moving the snow off the machine, went to threshing again, and nearly finished the stack I commenced the other day when I had the misfortune to break a cast wheel of my horse power. Just as it happened it started to snow very rapidly.

Sunday—5th to Thursday—9th
Hauled up wood. The weather moderated some. Slaughtered the residue of my hogs, being 18. Mr. Goodell and Comstock assisted me ½ day each. As my hogs are light I shall put them up. Cut up most of the hogs in the P. M.

Friday—10th: February, 1843
Cut and put up the rest of the hogs, and salted and put them away. The wind has changed to the N. W. Snowing.

Sunday—12th
The children went up to Marcus Chandler's to Prayer Meeting.

Monday—13th
Went to Leeper's sale.

Tuesday—14th
It has moderated a little. Sale of the late Robert Leeper's effects finished today.

Wednesday—15th
Hauled load of corn. Eliza and myself went to Capt. Dutch's.

Thursday—16th
At Capt. Dutch's. I went on to Cunningham's, the tanner, with hides. Came by Mr. Thomas's where Eliza and myself took dinner, and then came home.

Saturday—18th
Went to Beardstown and sold to Wilbourn some lard. Very bad travelling on account of the snow and ice on the ground.

Monday—20th: February, 1843
Eliza and myself went to Jacksonville, and I carried down the cast wheel of my horse power to be repaired. Came by Dr. Prosser's by dusk, and put up. After supper went to Major Simm's.

Wednesday—22nd
Eliza and myself came home from Maj. Simms. Could not bring home the wheel cast for some days. Roads muddy.

Thursday—23rd
Cold mornnig. Pulled a load of corn.

Monday—27th
Henry and myself pulling corn. Hauled in 5 loads. Very cold.

Saturday—4th: March, 1843
Cold and severe day. Have now in the corn crib 40 loads of corn which fills it quite full, and which I think will shuck about 600 bushels.

Sunday—5th
Ground covered with snow. I remained home with the family. Moderate.

Monday—6th
Went to Virginia.

Tuesday—7th
Hauled one load of hay, but the wind being too strong from the South, it prevented from hauling any more. Therefore came into the house and shelled corn.

Wednesday—8th
Went up the bottom as far as Obed Morgan's. Cold West wind.

Friday—10th: March, 1843
Notified W. Atkins, per my son, to leave my house by the 10th.

Saturday—11th
Henry and William went to Jacksonville. Wrote to W. F. Libby at Alton.

Tuesday—14th
The winter thus far has been very long and tedious, this being the 5th month.

Wednesday—15th
The children returned from Jacksonville. Cold weather.

Friday—17th
Went to the Sangamon River which is quite full of water and ice. Received a letter from A. W. Cory enclosing the deed of patents.

Saturday—18th
Bought of Henry Dick a horse named Ned, and gave him my note for $50.00, payable next October, and also to do his threshing of 375 bushels at 6½c, and if there will be more wheat I am to receive credit for same.

Sunday—19th
Attended Prayer Meeting at Dr. Chandler's. Night much colder. Atkins moved out of my house.

Monday—20th: March, 1843
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Beardstown.

Tuesday—21st
Getting up wood. Lucius Spaulding engaged to work for me at $9.00 per month for 6 months. Find on examination that the cast wheel of my horse power is not put on right, and consequently will not do without alterations.

Wednesday—22nd
Very cold. All stayed indoors near the fire. Spaulding agrees to lose this day, as well as all others not fit to work.

Friday—24th
Henry and Spaulding sawing up old wood, and hauling it home.

Sunday—26th
Went to Bonny's, but Mr. Springer did not come to his appointment.

Monday—27th
Mr. Reavis and myself went to Jacksonville in his one horse wagon, and carried down the cast wheel. Stayed at Major Simms'. Snowing rapidly.

Tuesday—28th
In Jacksonville getting my cast wheel fixed. Beautiful day. Sleighing.

Wednesday—29th
Came home with cast wheel. Came home by the middle of the P. M. It has snowed some today.

Thursday—30th
Spaulding did not work today. Some rain is falling, and freezing as fast as it falls.

Wednesday—5th: April, 1843
Fixing the machine to be in readiness for threshing. Sat the machine at my oats stack. It is somewhat spring-like weather today, the first we have had.

Thursday—6th
Put the machine in order, and threshed out a few oats. But unfortunately, another wheel broke, and on examination find it was cracked in all probability by the man that put on the new cast wheel. This to me is a great disappointment.

Friday—7th
Went to Beardstown with my broken cast wheel, and the pattern which I shipped to Mr. Libby at Alton, with instructions to have same repaired with dispatch, and return same to Beardstown. Paid the freight on the Steamer Sarah Ann, $1.00.

Saturday—8th
Clear. High wind, and warm. Moved the stable from the Northern place to home place.

Monday—10th
Henry commenced school at the Coles school house. At work on the stable.

Tuesday—11th to Friday—14th: April, 1843
At work on the stable. Moved out and repaired fence on the Northern place.

Saturday—15th
Finished repairing fence on Northern place. Went to Capt. Dutch's, and moved some very large peach trees which he gave me. The grass has not started much yet. The season is very backward.

Sunday—16th
Attended Meeting at Squire Bonny's. Heavy showers of rain accompanied by lightning prevented the congregation from returning home until after midnight.

Monday—17th to Saturday—22nd
Revival meetings at Sq. Bonny's Many young folks have embraced religion, some of my own children among the converts.

Tuesday—25th
My machine appears to work very well. Very warm and sultry.

Wednesday—26th
Attended Meeting at Sq. Bonny's at night. Several persons from other neighborhoods were present, and two ministers. Rev. Mr. Gentry preached. Went to Capt. Dutch's, and brought home the remainder of the peach trees.

Thursday—27th
Spaulding plowing at the Northern place.

Friday—28th
Went to the shop, and had one of my horses shod. Commenced threshing, but did not get to thresh long before the wheel cast from Jacksonville got out of order, so much for depending on the Delf.*. No threshing for the present. Mr. Goodell and son helped me in the morning. In the P. M. Henry took sick, and we called in Dr. Chandler.

Saturday—29th
Very sick, and confined to my bed. Son Henry sick also. The Meeting at Squire Bonny's is still in progress.

Sunday—30th
Son Henry and myself confined to our beds, and taking medicine.

Monday—1st: May, 1843
Considerably better, the medicines have had a good effect to break up the discourse both in son Henry and myself. Spaulding finished plowing in the Northern place. Began plowing for corn about the house.

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*Earthenware.

Tuesday—2nd
Cool for the season. The trees are just putting out a little. Cattle can live on the grass which is up enough to sustain them. Wrote to father.

Thursday—4th
Raining, which stops the farming operations. Sangamon River very high. I have examined my wheat ground, and think I can not possibly raise my seed.

Friday—5th
Pleasant weather. Finished plowing out the orchard ground near the house. Commenced furrowing out same.

Saturday—6th
Heavy showers of rain during the past night. Went to the mill. Mr. Goodell helped spray some hogs half a day.

Monday—8th
Went to Beardstown. Got on the boat Exact which I took passage for Alton with the cast wheel. Spaulding returned home with the wagon, and I got off about noon. P. M.: Steamer stopped at Meridosia, and waited for the rail car passengers. The cars did not come. Left by dark and passed on down the river. Passage $2.00.

Tuesday—9th
Came to Alton by noon. Left the steamer with my wheel, which I took to the machine shop, and had it fixed right. By dark went on board another boat bound up the Illinois, Scioli Belle.

Wednesday—10th: May, 1843
Came to Beardstown by 1 P. M. There being no wagon in town proceeded on foot, where I arrived by dark, very much fatigued. Had the cast wheel conveyed out as far as John Wagoner's.

Tuesday—11th
Put the machine together, and threshed out 35 bushels of oats. Everything works well.

Friday—12th
Sent, per mail, my deed of patents to the Commissioner of Patent Office, Washington City. Dr. Prosser and family came here.

Saturday—13th
Commenced to sow oats and timothy at the Northern place.

Sunday—14th
Dr. Prosser returned home. Attended social prayer meeting at Sq. Bonny's.

Monday—15th
Cool for the season. Furrowing out wheat ground for corn. Went to A. Cunningham's, and bought some Shawneetown paper.

Wednesday—17th
Finished sowing the remainder of the Timothy and oats at the Northern place.

Friday—19th
Commenced furrowing out North half of wheat ground.

Saturday—20th: May, 1843
Went to Virginia with the children, where there were being assembled the Episcopal Methodists holding a quarterly meeting. From there I proceeded on horseback to Jacksonville, where I came by 2 P. M. Paid over to Major Simms $153.00, Shawneetown paper, with instructions for him to send it to the bank, and draw the quantity of specie for which it is entitled, viz: ½, and the residue in certificates. Then I instructed him to purchase more certificates, which amount to place to the credit of my note due at the Branch in Jacksonville.

Monday—22nd
Came home from Jacksonville by the way of Virginia. P. M.: Planted corn in the North cut of wheat.

Wednesday—24th
Listed about 3 acres of corn ground, and began planting.

Thursday—25th
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Beardstown. Shipped to Monticello Seminary 36 hams, weight 431 pounds. Care of W. Libby and Co., Alton.

Sunday—28th
Remained home all day. Rather cool.

Monday—29th
Ground very wet. Spaulding shelling corn in the morning. In the P. M. he finished harrowing over the N. cut of corn. Had my plows sharpened in readiness for plowing corn.

Thursday—1st: June, 1843
Went up to Mr. D. Leeper's, and set the machine at the wheat yard.

Friday—2nd
Threshed wheat. Son Henry helped me. The machine does very well. 70½ bushels today.

Saturday—3rd
Some rain fell last night. On account of it we only threshed 61½ bushels. Henry went to the quarterly meeting up at the bottom. Spaulding and myself have settled up today. Amount due him $19.75, less washing and mending $2.75 next. Received a letter from the Seminary that they had received the hams.

Sunday—4th
Attended Sabbath School.

Monday—5th to Wednesday—7th
Spaulding and Henry plowing corn.

Thursday—8th
Spaulding did not work. Henry and myself went to Leeper's and finished threshing the grain. Very warm day. Threshed 101½ bushels today.

Monday—12th
Went and threshed a small stack of wheat for Widow Leeper, and then moved to Mr. Friend's, and set the machine. Did a half day's work when the spring of the cylinder of the machine broke.

Tuesday—13th
Went to Beardstown, and had a new set of springs made. Henry and Spaulding at home plowing corn.

Wednesday—14th: June, 1843
Went to Mr. Friend's, and threshed part of the day. Had the horses shod in the morning, which prevented me from beginning early. Spaulding plowed with Goodell's horse.

Tuesday—20th
Finished threshing at Friend's, and moved up to Dick's.

Wednesday—21st to Saturday—24th
Threshing at Henry Dick's. Fine weather.

Monday—26th
Went to Virginia, and had a roller made for the machine.

Tuesday—27th
Finished threshing for Henry Dick. Dick had a credit on my note for $3.08, being the surplus on 375 bushels which I agreed to do in payment of a horse.

Wednesday—28th
Threshing for Widow Leeper. Cloudy part of the day.

Thursday—29th
Up early, and came home to breakfast. In attempting to start off the machine I met with a serious accident in a fall, which disables me from working the rest of the week. Henry and Spaulding plowing.

Friday—30th
I feel sore and am bruised, but feel some better. Posting books, etc.

Saturday—1st: July, 1843
My corn is doing well. Fine growing weather.

Sunday—2nd
Attended Meeting at Sq. Bonny's.

Monday—3rd
Henry and Spaulding plowing. I repaired the floor of the horse power. I am getting much better of my lameness. Warm.

Tuesday—4th
Independence Day. Attended celebration at Virginia. Spaulding and Henry plowed ½ day. The children attended a meeting and celebration at Dr. Chandler's in connection with a Prayer Meeting.

Thursday—6th
Moved down to Mr. Main's with machine. Threshed a little.

Friday—7th
Spaulding is mowing clover, and I am threshing at Mr. Main's. The machine got a little out of order, and I went back to town and got it repaired.

Saturday—8th
In Beardstown at Vanalstine Tavern. My work being done, I went out to Mr. Main's. Bill at Vanalstine's, 62½c, unpaid. In the P. M. I put the machine together, and threshed a little.

Sunday—9th
Remained at home all day.

Monday—10th
Sick with chill and fever. So is Spaulding. Henry and William plowing corn.

Tuesday—11th
Mrs. Sewall and myself rode out as far as the Doctor's. Rather cool. Rev. Mr. Barton with us.

Wednesday—12th: July, 1843
Rev. Mr. Barton left us. Feeling better. Henry and I went to the machine, and threshed a little in the P. M.: Warm. Evening had a chill. Should not have gone out today.

Thursday—13th
At Mr. Main's. Son Henry is managing the machine successfully. Spaulding still sick.

Friday—14th
Finished up Mr. Main's wheat, and moved up home. Very hot. Had a chill before I reached home. Called Dr. Chandler. Samuel Leeper mowing, and Spaulding working.

Saturday—15th
Samuel Leeper finished mowing clover by noon. Dr. Chandler called to see today. I feel much better.

Sunday—16th
Quite sick today. Rev. Mr. Sturdevant preached in the neighborhood today.

Monday—17th
Henry and Spaulding stacking hay today.

Tuesday—18th
Henry and Spaulding plowing. Mrs. Kershaw's son plowing. Feel better today.

Wednesday—19th
Henry and Spaulding went to Widow Leeper's with machine for the purpose of threshing out a little lot of wheat for Richard McDonald.

Friday—21st
Rode out as far as Mr. Friend's. Henry and Spaulding finished threshing for Mcdonald's. Henry got a barrel of flour from McDonald's Mill in part for threshnig.

Monday—24th to Friday—28th
Henry and Spaulding cutting wheat. Finished.

Saturday—29th
Henry went to Virginia, and carried out his trunk preparatory to commencing school on Monday next. He is to board with Col. West for $1.50 per week. Cool.

Sunday—30th
The family attended Meeting at the Meeting House. Daniels, a Baptist, held forth for 3 hours on Baptism to the no small annoyance of many persons in the neighborhood, so I am told.

Monday—31st
Henry commenced school. Spaulding is sick.

Tuesday—1st: August, 1843
Spaulding sick. Employed old man Carter to shell me 10 bushels of corn, and go to Salem to the mill. Paid him in corn, 5 bushels. I helped shuck the corn. In the evening had a chill.

Thursday—3rd
Adam Reed commenced cutting oats in the Northern place at 75c per day.

Friday—4th
My oats are rather too green to cut as yet. Mr. Goodell, and Mr. Spaulding binding and securing what is already cut.

Monday—7th
Went to Virginia, and attended the election of officers of the County for the current year.

Tuesday—8th
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Dr. Chandler's store. Spaulding sick, and not able to do anything. A good soaking rain is very much wanted.

Thursday—10th
I went to Roberson's Mill, and brought home some lumber for threshing machine. Very warm and dusty. Mr. Goodell, and Mr. Carter at work on the oats.

Saturday—12th
Very hot and sultry day. I do not feel well today. Mr. Goodell and Robert Carter working in the oats.

Monday—14th: August, 1843
Finished cutting oats.

Thursday—17th
Finished binding oats, and shocking same.

Friday—18th
Went into the bottom and hauled out 2 loads of rails. Mr. H. Goodell went with me in the morning, and cut out a load. Mr. Isham Reavis departed this life early this morning. There is much sickness in the section at this time.

Saturday—19th
Very warm and dry. Confined to the house. Hauled rails from upper lot. These rails were made by David and Elisha Marshall, and balance their accounts.

Sunday—20th
Mr. Turner preached at the Meeting House, but as the horses broke out of the stable the family was prevented from attending Meeting.

Tuesday—22nd
Finding that I cannot do anything toward hauling and stacking oats, and not able to hire help, I had to send for son Henry, who came home in the evening.

Wednesday—23rd
Henry and Mr. Goodell hauled and stacked what little wheat we have, which occupied most of the day. Fixed the fence of the stack yard.

Friday—25th
Hauling in oats. Showery today. Spaulding sick.

Wednesday—30th
At Mr. Alfred Dutch's. I returned to Capt. Dutch's. Mr. A. Dutch's family spent the day at the Captain's. Being weak and low in health I am trying to experiment by riding about, and getting a change of air. I think I have been benefitted thereby. Evening I came home. Spaulding cutting hay.

Monday—5th: September, 1843
Went to Beardstown. This day the people of Cass county are assembled at the polls throughout the county to say whether the county seat shall be moved to Beardstown, or stay in Virginia. Much excitement on the subject. Beardstown people gave a bountiful dinner to the voters. It is supposed they gain the county seat.

Thursday—7th
Hauled to Oren Hicks 28 bushels of corn which I sold him. It occupied ½ day.

Friday—8th
Went to Virginia with horses and wagon, and brought home Henry from school for the present as most of our family are sick with the fever. I feel myself nearly recovered. Spaulding is away.

Saturday—9th
Henry and myself hauled in some prairie hay. In the evening it sat in to rain. Spaulding came back. Elizabeth and William quite sick. We have had more sickness than we have had for years. Harriet, who has been ill, is recovering.

Thursday—14th
I went to Beardstown, and had two horses shod by Ayers. Rather warm. Did not leave Beardstown until rather late. Came

out as far as Mr. Main's, and put up for the night.

Friday—15th
Came home. Mrs. Sewall sick with the chills and fever. The children are at times better, and then worse. Spaulding sick, but able to do little things in the morning and evening, enough to pay for his board.

Saturday—14th: September, 1843
Went to Virginia, and had horse shod, and then went as far as Mr. Clark's, who has been to see my property at Jacksonville, and wished to buy it if I will take certain property. I think the offer is too little.

Tuesday—19th
George Hayes commenced with the machine at $10.00 per month. Moved over to the Fielding wheat, and began threshing. Wheat is very unprofitable business.

Thursday—21st
Finished threshing at Fielding's, and moved to James Thompson's. Very warm weather.

Friday—22nd
Began to thresh at Thompson's. Old wheat, straw very long, and wheat very light. Poor job for me.

Saturday—23rd
Regimental Muster. No threshing today. Went to Beardstown to get some repairs made to separator. Myself not well today. The family is much better.

Monday—25th
Went to Beardstown, and had spring made for the threshing machine.

Thursday—28th
Finished at Thompson's house with the machine. Set and threshed my wheat. Horace Goodell, and a hand sent by George Bonny, helped.

Friday—29th
Finished my wheat, 35 bushels, and moved to Bonny's.

Saturday—30th
Finished Bonny's wheat by noon. Then moved to Amos Bonny's, and threshed and cleaned out 32 bushels by sundown. Slight rain.

Sunday—1st: October, 1843
Mrs. Sewall and myself remained at home, but some of the children went to Widow Leeper's, where was preached a sermon on account of the late Robert Leeper, deceased. Cool.

Monday—2nd
Went to Bonny's, and threshed 48 bushels of wheat for John E. Rickard.

Tuesday—3rd
Went to Beardstown, and had some repairs done to the horse power.

Wednesday—4th
Up early, and moved the machine to Mr. D. Leeper's.

Saturday—7th
Threshing part of the day at Trowbridge's. Evening came home with the machine.

Sunday—8th
Remained home. Considerable white frost.

Monday—9th
Seeding wheat in lot about the house. Pleasant weather. Fixed up machine in readiness to go to work.

Wednesday—11th
Sat off for Reason Shipley's, Menard county, with machine accompanied by George Hays. Stopped at Mathew Lonnesberry's, with whom I made a contract to thresh his wheat. Passed on up the bottom, and came to Mr. Shipley's by dusk.

Thursday—12th
Went to Petersburg, and had the horse shod.

Friday—13th: October, 1843
Treshing at Mr. Shipley's. Cold morning.

Monday—16th to Saturday—21st
Threshing at Mr. Shipley's. Cold for the season.

Sunday—22nd
Cold and clear morning. The Methodists have in progress a two-day meeting.

Monday—23rd
Went to Mr Shipley's, accompanied by son Henry. George Hays has an inflamed eye, and could not go. Took out cast wheel of the machine to have same fastened.

Tuesday—24th
Went to Petersburg accompanied by son Henry with cast wheel, and after much trouble had the thing fastened. Charge, $1.33.

Wednesday—25th
Put the horse power together, and threshed part of the day.

Thursday—26th to Saturday—28th
Threshing at Shipley's.

Sunday—29th
At Shipley's all day.

Monday—30th
Very cold morning. Threshing. Had not been at work long before I broke the cast wheel of my horse power. I suppose there were about 60 or 75 bushels of wheat which I could not finish. Loaded up and came home. This is a remarkable season for dry and cold weather.

Wednesday—1st: November, 1843
Not well.

Thursday—2nd
Digging potatoes. Henry seeding wheat.

Saturday—4th
Henry is plowing in wheat until noon. Putting up cabbages.

Sunday—5th
At home with the influenza.

Wednesday—8th
Henry returned from Jacksonville. Henry and myself worked on the roads.

Thursday—9th
Went to the sale of the Reavis estate. Considerable rain fell last night which will benefit the growing crop of wheat.

Friday—10th
I made a pen for fattening hogs.

Monday—13th: November, 1843
Pulling corn. Gathered part of the load. 10 rows shucked in the field for hogs from the North part of corn field. I shall endeavor to harvest all of my corn in this manner unless the weather gets too cold.

Wednesday—22nd
Repairing wagon, etc. Warm.

Friday—24th: November, 1843
Put up a young steer for beef. Gathered corn near the house, and put it in corn crib. The corn is most excellent.

Sunday—26th
Very rainy attended with thick fog. Went to Dr. Chandler's where Rev. Mr. Pond preached. (Trial sermon). Some snow today.

Wednesday—29th
Gathered corn, ½ we put in the crib, and the other we shelled.

Thursday—30th
Moderate weather. Henry started to Robinson's Mill with 10 bushels of corn. The ground froze considerably. Henry returned without the meal.

Friday—1st: December, 1843
Hauled 3 loads of wood from river timber. Clear weather.

Sunday—3rd
At home all day. No preaching in the neighborhood.

Monday—4th to Friday—8th
Gathered stock corn for hogs, and put some in crib.

Sunday—10th
Attended Meeting at Widow Reavis'. (Baptist).

Monday—11th
Went to Clark's, and carried my cast wheel to be mended.

Thursday—14th: December, 1843
Slaughtered beef. Rather cloudy. After night, rainy.

Wednesday—20th
Went to Stephen Davis's, and bought two sheep for the amount due me. Very great frost. Henry and myself hauled ½ load of corn for the hogs.

Thursday—21st
Rode up to Mr. Shipley's near Petersburg for whom I have done some threshing. He promised to haul me some wheat next week to market in order to pay me. Roads rather muddy.

Friday—22nd
George Bonny at work on the house. Henry and myself hauled load of corn for the hogs.

Sunday—24th
At home all day

Monday—25th
Hauled load of wood and load of corn for the fattening hogs.

Thursday—28th
Cloudy part of the day. Evening at early candlelight my daughter Catherine was married to Robert Cole, son of William Cole, resident of this county, by the Rev. Springer.

Saturday—30th
The married couple moved to the place designed to be their future residence, near Mr. Wm. Cole's. Henry and myself finished working out my road tax. Evening: Capt. Dutch with us. Henry and myself hauled ⅓ load of corn for the fattening hogs. Rainy.

Sunday—31st
Wind South. Warm. Some little rain fell last night. At home all day.

January, 1844 Cass County.
Monday—1st
Some rain fell today. Went to Mr. J. Bowen's and to other neighbors relative to teaching school this winter.

Wednesday—3rd
Very cold. Some snow. Hauled load of wood. Capt. Dutch left us.

Thursday—4th
Went to Beardstown, where I made inquiries relative to my selling my pork—and learning that I can have as follows at Basset and Taylor's: for all over 250 pounds, $2,25, and from that down to 200 pounds, $2.00, and for 175 ounds, $1.75, for 150 pounds $1.50, and for 100 pounds, $1.00. Cold and disagreeable.

Saturday—6th
Dark and cloudy. Went to Virginia. Paid most of my taxes for 1843. Paid $20.00 in part of judgment Epler vs. Sewall. Summons was served on me to appear for failure to pay John Stephens the sum of $10.25, trial set for Saturday next—confessed judgment. Night—snowing.

Tuesday—9th
Went to Beardstown, and engaged my pork to Horace Bilings at the following prices: $1.25 for all under 150 pounds, $1.50 for all under 175 pounds, and $2.00 for all over 200 pounds. Snowed considerably last night. About 6 inches on the ground this morning.

Thursday—11th
Slaughtered 31 fattening hogs, assisted by Capt. E. I. Dutch, 75c. Horace Goodell, 75c, Clinton Wilson, 75c, Robert Carter, 75c, and Jackson Marshall, 25c cash, and 50c trade. Rained about noon.

Friday—12th
Went to Beardstown with 25 of my hogs. Robert Carter hauled one load, and son Henry and myself the other two loads. We had the Plaster's wagon. Rainy at times. Weight of hogs 4,806 pounds. Amount came to $85.65. Paid Sanders and Company on account of note $19.00, and balance of cash except what was paid for a few necessaries I brought home.

Saturday—13th
Cut up the remaining 6 hogs, and salted them away.

Monday—15th: January, 1847
Went to Virginia. Rainy, and quite muddy. Henry and some others fixing the house at

the Northern place preparatory to commencing school. Mr. Webster, agent for the Sangamon Journal, and Missouri Republican called on me this morning for my subscription. Not having the money I gave him my note for $12.00. He already has my note for balance due the Journal bearing 12% from Oct. 22nd, 1842, being $4.00.

Tuesday—16th
Mr. Webster having spent the night with us, credited my note with 62½c, the sum of his bill. He left to proceed on his journey.

Friday—19th
Rode down as far as the John Waggoner's neighborhood, which has a quantity of wheat to thresh, and is anxious I should do it. Concluded to do same as soon as profitable. Rev. Mr. Richmond came in to stay the night with us. He is at present with the Methodist Circuit.

Saturday—20th: January, 1844
Went to McDonald's Mill after shelling some corn. It cannot be ground for a day or two.

Sunday—21st
At home attending to the instruction of my children.

Monday—22nd
Rainy and foggy. Quite a thaw.

Tuesday—23rd
Hauled wood from the river timber. P. M.: Went to the wood lot, and cut and hauled a load of wood to Widow Harbison in part payment for weaving.

Wednesday—24th
Went to Virginia, and then to Thomas Clark's, and got my cast wheel which he has mended. Returned to Virginia, and had horse Blueskin shod by Murray, the blacksmith. Four shoes set, two of which were new iron, and two corked and toed. Went out to Mr. Levi Springer's, and spent the night.

Thursday—25th
At Mr. Springer's. Very cold. Returned to Virginia, and had horse Ned shod. New shoes all around by Mr. Murry. Come home. Ground frozen very hard, and quite rough.

Friday—26th
Hauled up 4 loads of wood from bottom. Evening moderate.

Sunday—28th
Clear and cold. Remained at home all day.

Wednesday—31st
Beautiful morning. Hauled in 2 loads of corn. P. M.: Went with George Bonny, and procured a piece of wood for wagon tongue.

Thursday—1st: February, 1844
Rainy and disagreeable day. Considerable rain fell last night. Went to Hick's shop.

Friday—2nd
Went to Beardstown. Snowing.

Sunday—4th
Snowing, raining, and thawing.

Mnoday—5th
Went to Virginia. Filed my account against the estate of Robert Leeper, deceased, with Probate Justice.

Thursday—8th
Heard preaching at Squire Bonny's. Rev. Mr. Richmond, Methodist, preached on the subject, "The Importance of Sabbath Schools," after which efforts were made to bring about the opening of a Sabbath School. It was concluded to begin on next Sunday with a school at Sq. Bonny's. I was selected as the Superintendent. Had all my smith work done, which I had in progress in order to haul separator on set of wheels independent of the horse power. Cold. Wrote letters to Hon. W. Payne at Washington City, and W. F. Libby, Alton. Cloudy.

Tuesday—13th
James Maclin commenced working for me at $10.00 per month. When he works on the farm he is to receive $8.00 per month. Moved the machine down to John Wagoner's.

Friday—16th: February, 1844
Threshing at Wagoner's. Cold morning.

Sunday—18th
Attended Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting at Sq. Bonny's, also at night. Rev. Mr. Springer preached.

Mnoday—19th
Sold Jackson Marshall my plow for 12 days work. Went to Beardstown. Wagoner could not attend the machine.

Tuesday—20th
Went to the machine, but found the horse power broken. Threshed only 34½ bushels in the latter part of the day.

Thursday—22nd
Hauled into the stable a stack of clover hay.

Saturday—24th
Went to the machine, and put in a box which I have just made and put it in complete order for business. Rev. Mr. Pond, Presbyterian, called on me. He will preach on the morrow at Dr. Chandler's.

Monday—26th
Rainy. Rev. Mr. Pond with us.

Wednesday—28th
Heavy rain during the past night and fore part of the day, which prevented us from threshing. Rev. Mr. Pond preached at Squire Bonny's.

Friday—1st: March, 1844
Slight showers of rain. The growing crops of wheat look very promising. Went and helped Oren Hicks raise his log cabin. Rev. Mr. Pond returned from Beardstown.

Saturday—2nd
Went to the machine and threshed 32 bushels, but was soon compelled to stop on account of the rain. Came home.

Sunday—3rd
Attended Sabbath School at Sq. Bonny's, and preaching at Dr. Chandler's, A. M. and P. M.

Thursday—7th
Son Henry slaughtered beef. Threshing for Wagoner. Luther Jones hauled me 35 bushels in part payment at 2c per bushel. to be paid said Janes in threshing. Jackson Marshall cutting stalks today.

Saturday—9th
Received of Wagoner 40 bushels of wheat which I hauled to Beardstown, and sold to Billings. Constable McLane served a summons on me to appear before Sq. Nailer March 11th to answer to complaint of Dunlap for failing to pay $47.00. Evening—hauled up load of wood. Sangamon River is rising rapidly. Wheat growing fine.

Sunday—10th
Attended Sabbath School at Sq. Bonny's.

Monday—11th
Warm rain. Went to Virginia.

Tuesday—12th
Warm rain. At home, writing.

Wednesday—13th to Saturday—16th
March — 1844
Rainy. Went to George Bonny's to get the box of horse power repaired. Evening—went to Virginia, and paid off judgment rendered before Nailer in favor of Stephenson, viz.—Debt, $9.18¾. Interest on same from Aug. 1, 1842 to Jan. 6, 1844—76c, and interest until Jan. 15th when paid, 6¼c, and cost $1.40, making the whole amount paid $11.40. Sent $5.00 by John Leeper to Henry Dick in part payment of my note due him.

Tuesday—19th
Having finished the box of rolls at George Bonny's, I went down to Wagoner's after dinner, but could not thresh the remainder of the grain for most all the hands were away.

Wednesday—20th
Some rain attended with lightning during the past night. Finished John Wagoner's wheat, 661 bushels. Received 3 bushels more, the balance of my pay. Loaded up machine, and took it to William Clark's farm, and set it.

Thursday—21st
Threshing rye for James Macklin. The rye is very long straw, and not a very profitable job.

Saturday—23rd
Finished threshing. Beautiful morning. 101 bushels of rye. Feeling rather unwell owing to the dust of the rye.

Sunday—24th
At Mr. Whiteside's where the hands have been boarding during the threshing. Feel some better this morning. Attended the Meeting at the Methodist Meeting House near this place. Rev. Mr. Garner preached. Took dinner with Mr. Geo. Tourman. Evening, attended Meeting at the same place. Mr. Procter and Mr. Wm. Clark preached.

Monday—25th
Rainy in the morning. Bought of Thomas Clark a plow for which I am to pay him $8.00, September next. Also I am indebted to him for mending cast wheel some time ago in the sum of $5.00, to be paid at the same time. Sat off for home on account of it being rainy. Arrived by night.

Tuesday—26th
Warm and rainy morning. James shelling corn in the A. M. In the P. M. Henry and James hauled wood. Went to Virginia and took an appeal to the Circuit Court of Judgment. E. M. Adams of Dunlap and Company. Dr. Schooley entered as my security. Judgment $40.00.

Thursday—28th
Upsetting and repairing fence about the dwelling house. Very drizzly. Making cow pen.

Saturday—30th
Some snow. Sent 30c to Mr. McElfresh in full for Henry's tuition by James Maclin.

Sunday—31st
Cold and chilly. Attended Sunday School. Preaching at Sq Bonny's.

Monday—1st: April, 1844
Wind South. Most of the snow has disappeared. James returned at 12 o'clock. William and Henry cutting stalks. A. M. Find the blue cranes, etc. have destroyed my corn considerably.

Tuesday—2nd
I went to George Bonny's, and had part of the fan of the threshing machine repaired. P. M. Resetting fence in South clover field.

Thursday—4th
Jackson Marshall and James cutting stalks. I sowed some wheat where the shocks of corn stood, and chopped it in with a hoe. The wheat has sprouted a little. Plowed the garden and set out current bushes. Slight showers of rain.

Friday—5th
Henry with wagon went to Capt. Dutch's accompanied by Elizabeth. Sowed one acre (1 bushel) of spring wheat.

Sunday—7th
Attended Sabbath School at the Presbyterian Church. Heard Mr. Williams of Jacksonville preached.

Monday—8th
Threshed oats. Mr. Goodell helped me. Threshed about 100 bushels. Very warm weather. Plenty of grass.

Tuesday—9th
Sowing and plowing oats. James and Henry plowing, and I am seeding.

Wednesday—10th: April, 1844
Henry and his mother went to Beardstown with 20 bushels of oats, and sold them for 15c per bushel.

Friday—12th
Sat off for Jacksonville early, and arrived at 11 A. M. Presbyterians being in session at the Church, I went directly there, and my name was enrolled in regular order. At recess went to Dr. Prosser's, and took dinner. In the P. M. I took tea with Maj. Simms, who is now keeping the Public House on the square.

Saturday—13th
At Maj. Simms. The Presbyterians have decided to meet at Spring Creek, Sanga-

mon County, August 22nd. It is expected that there will be a camp meeting held at that place at that time. Henry finished plowing in 15 acres of oats.

Sunday—14th
At Dr. Prosser's. Attended Divine worship at the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Whitney preached the sermon, after which the Communion of the Lord's Supper was administered. House full, and good attention. Other members of Presbytery, by invitation, are preaching for other denominations, viz: Rev. Mr. Ranny for the Baptist (Missionary), Rev. Mr. Woods at the Methodist, Rev. Mr. Hale at the Presbyterian Church, (old school). This looks right, and is what I like to see.

Monday—15th: April, 1844
Breakfasted with Maj. Simms family, and after transacting our business relative to the house lots in Jacksonville sat off for home by 11 A. M. where I arrived by sunset. Placed today for collection a note for $19.00 on James Maxwell in the hands of Sq. Dalton. Henry commenced breaking up corn field.

Thursday—18th
James raking corn stalks, and cleaning up corn ground. Henry plowing in clover field. This ground breaks up rather hard owing to the blue grass sod intermixed with the clover.

Friday—19th
Went to Beardstown with a load of oats (26 B.) which I sold for 18c cash, and returned home by the way of Thomas Clark's, where I loaded into my wagon the prairie plow he has been making for me.

Saturday—20th
Plowing for corn. Very warm.

Monday—22nd
Rainy. Plowing for corn in clover field. Moving and setting cross fence on new line—East and West.

Thursday—25th: April, 1844
Finished breaking up corn field. James at work moving rails, and making cross fence. Showery. Had a summons served on me to appear before Plaster for failure to pay Henry Dick.

Friday—26th
Dick obtained a judgment against me for $41.92 with 6% interest from October 1843 till this day.

Sunday—28th
Cool for the season. Rev. Pond preached this morning.

Monday—29th
Henry commenced harrowing corn ground. Plowing myself for corn. Rev. Mr. Pond called on us. The Sangamon River arose very rapidly and suddenly today, and became higher than she has been by 8 feet since the spring of the Big Snow. She came out of her banks and spread over all the low bottom, and into the low prairie in the space of 4 or 5 hours. This is considered very rapid, sudden, and a remarkable rise.

Tuesday—30th
Threshed out last stack of oats—about 100 bushels.

Wednesday—1st: May, 1844
Rainy. James harrowing over clover ground. Henry plowing.

Thursday—2nd
Went with machine and threshed out stack of oats for Sq. Bonny.

Friday—3rd
Rainy, and quite cool. Today Henry finished breaking up the corn ground, and began late in the P. M. to furrow out for corn.

Saturday—4th
Henry moved the balance of cross fence. James finished harrowing clover field. P. M. He laid up new crop fence, and plowed and harrowed the garden. I staked and ridered in about half of the cross fence.

Sunday—5th
Attended Divine Worship at Sq. Bonny's. Rained during the Meeting.

Monday—6th
James planted watermelons, pumpkins, and cucumbers. Henry furrowing out corn. The Sangamon has fallen considerably, but it is still very high.

Thursday—9th
Finished breaking the prairie South of division. Plowing up a small piece of second year prairie adjoining. Planting corn. James covering corn. Finished planting East shift of corn. Henry and James commenced furrowing out the West cut.

Monday—13th
Attended Circuit Court as Petit Juror. Planting corn.

Tuesday—14th to Friday—17th: May, 1844
Attended Court. Wrote to Hanson and Emmerson, Alton, relative to repairing my machine. Some rain fell last night.

Saturday—18th
Rev. Mr. Pond with us.

Sunday—19th
Rainy. Rev. Mr. Williams with us. This day has been appointed for a season of Communion, but the weather is so impossible that there will be but a few persons out today. We did not attend.

Monday—20th
Our friends, Mr. Pond, and Mr. Williams, left us at an early hour. James Mclin settled up, and does not wish to work any more. Balance due him, $10.80.

Wednesday—22nd
Clear weather, and rather cool. Breaking prairie. Henry replanting corn.

Friday—24th
The Sangamon is again rising from the recent rains.

Sunday 26th
Attended Sabbath School, and Public Worship at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Redderick Horne (Protestant Methodist) preached.

Tuesday—28th
Breaking prairie. Warm and sultry at times through the day. Very good growing weather.

Thursday—30th
Finished breaking prairie. About 20 acres now broken, which is all the prairie now enclosed.

Friday—31st
Tried an experiment of running a large two-horse harrow over the corn, but do not like it for it is apt to tear up the corn.

Monday—3rd: June, 1844
Plowing over corn. Henry studying preparatory to going to Jacksonville.

Thursday—6th
Set out 450 cabbage plants. Heavy showers of rain. Wrote to Mr. W. Thompson and Son about lead pipe, of St. Louis.

Saturday—8th
Went to Jacksonville on horse back. Came to Major Simms by 2 P. M., and put up. Paid the balance of taxes, $1.50.

Monday—10th
At Major Simms'. Sat off for home via Bethel and Beardstown. Stopped at Sq. Troy's at Bethel. He is running one of the Pitt's patented threshing machines, and has one of the Hanson's new horse powers. Rainy, and some thunder.

Tuesday—11th
Left Sq. Troy's, and came to Beardstown, and then home by sunset.

Thursday—13th
Very rainy the past night, and continuing through the day. This is a remarkably wet season. Very destructive to many cornfields. The drove of cattle lately brought up in this section, numbering 600, and destined for Brighten market in Boston, Mass., have just started, and stopped at my place. I let them occupy the Northern place last night. The Sangamon is very high, and still rising.

Saturday—15th
Rained last night. Mowed down weeds near the house. Ground very wet.

Sunday—16th: June, 1844
The Sangamon has taken a great rise again. Nearly as high as it was the year of the Big Snow.

Monday—17th
The Menard Whig Convention, 11 in number, took breakfast with us on their way to Peoria, where will be held Wednesday a convention of a large number of Whigs from every part of the state.

Tuesday—18th
Up early, and Henry sat off for Peoria. Rained in the night.

Thursday—20th
Menard Whig Convention stopped with us.

Friday—21st
Menard Whig Convention left us for their homes. Henry came home. The Illinois River is rising higher than the inhabitants have ever known. Rained in the evening.

Sunday—23rd
Attended Sabbath School.

Monday—24th
Mowing clover. Warm. Examined my wheat today, and it is struck with rust.

Tuesday—25th
Son Henry went to Jacksonville to attend commencement at Illinois College tomorrow. Heavy shower and wind.

Thursday—27th
Mowing yard, and raking up hay. The Sangamon is falling fast. Henry home from Jacksonville.

Friday—28th
Went to Beardstown with cylinder, straw and fan of threshing machine. Sent the fan and rake to Alton, but can get the cylinder fixed in Beardstown. Waters of the Illinois very high.

Monday—1st: July, 1844
Most of the farmers are engaged in cutting their wheat. Too wet to plow. Sangamon is rising again. Hauled home load of corn in the shuck which I bought of Thomas Plaster. About 11 bushels at 28c.

Tuesday—2nd
Went to McDonald's Mill, and had 6 bushels of corn ground. Evening showery. Mrs. Sewall and son Henry returned from Jacksonville. Cousin Louisa better, but still very low.

Thursday—4th
Anniversary Declaration of Independence. Plowing over corn for the third time, and laying it by. Corn crop is growing rapidly.

Saturday—6th
Hauled up wood. P. M.: Attended Meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Brooks and Pond preached.

Monday—8th to Friday—12th
Harvesting and finished. Those assisting me were: Robert Carter, Adam Read, Blackman Bird, Elijah Bloyd, John Pearson, Flint Wilson, and Britt Carter. Shocked balance of wheat. Went to Thomas Plaster's, and bought 10 bushels of corn at 25c, credit. Mr. Plaster very low with lung fever.

Monday—15th: July, 1844
Went to Beardstown to leave my wagon to be repaired.

Tuesday—16th
Henry unwell, and taking medicine. I went to McDonald's Mill.

Friday—19th
Binding oats. Britt Carter did not cut any today, the oats being rather green.

Saturday—20th
Went to Beardstown, and got my wagon. The bill was $6.25. Received my fan and rake from Alton. Bill, including all expenses, $10.00.

Monday—22nd
Went to Jacksonville. Received a notice that Mrs. Prosser died on the 14th about 3 P. M., and her son Robert the 17th. Dr. Prosser is in deep affliction.

Tuesday—23rd
At Major Simms'. He has agreed to assume

the payment of $244.80 at the bank, the amount I let him have June 9th, 1843. Came home by the way of Widow Mclin's and engaged her son Aaron to go with me to the threshing machine at $10.00 per month. Britt Carter cutting oats. Came home by sunset.

Friday—26th
Considerable rain during the night. Went to Beardstown with the wagon and horses. Had the team shod on fore feet. Brought home cylinder. Engaged a horse power of Mr. George Allen, for which I am to pay him $100.00 provided it answers the purpose.

Sunday—28th
Attended Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting at Sq. Bonny's. Warm.

Tuesday—30th
Sick, and confined to the house. Henry and Vincent Brown began hauling and stacking wheat. The latter 62½ per day. Sowed turnip seed among the prairie corn.

Thursday—1st: August, 1844
Quite sick today. Grain quite wet to haul until noon anyway.

Saturday—3rd
Hauling and stacking wheat. Vincent Brown, James Bloyd, Robert Cole, and Robert Carter are helping us.

Sunday—4th
Confined at home. Called Dr. Chandler for Mrs. Sewall.

Monday—5th
Mrs. Sewall and myself better today. Congressional, Legislature, and several other elections held today. I went to Virginia, and the ride helped me very much.

Thursday—8th
Henry and myself went down as far as Mr. Foster's, and brought home the horse power I bought of Mr. George Allen, and set the same. Did not thresh any.

Friday—9th
Mr. Allen came, and we set the separator, and applied the horse power. Find there must be an alteration in the wheel of the separator. P. M. Went to Virginia, and engaged Mr. Prestly Ashlock to make me a wheel. Went out to Mr. Springers, and spent the night.

Saturday—10th
Came into town and returned home. Tried the horse power and found it all a mistake in changing the wheel.

Monday—12th
Went to John Wagoner's, and had the skeins fixed to the axletrees of machine. His charge is $1.00.

Wednesday—14th
Threshing oats and wheat. Put on old wheel, and the horse power and machine work very well together. Thomas Wilson, James Bloyd and two horses and wagon—Vincent Brown and Jackson Bloyd at work with the machine. William Richard set in to work for me at $7.00 per month.

Thursday—15th
Finished threshing what wheat remained in the shock left in the stacking, supposed to be 5 acres.

Friday—16th: August, 1844
Sent to Beardstown to be shipped to St. Louis, benefit of Wm. A. Chase, 16 barrels of wheat. The barrels hold 3 bushels each. Son Henry is making new frame to haul new horse power on.

Saturday—17th
James Bloyd took in to Beardstown, on account of Mr. Chase, 9 barrels of wheat. Mr. Chase sends to St. Louis, and sells the best he can, and gives me credit for net proceeds. Aaron Mclin and myself moved the threshing machine to Benjamin Beasley's stack yard, one mile west of Virginia. I came back late at night. Son Henry and Elizabeth went to Virginia to the Quarterly Meeting.

Sunday—18th
Not feeling very well, I remained home all day.

Monday—19th
Threshing at Benjamin Beasley's.

Wednesday—21st
Gave my note to George F. Allan, payable on or before Dec. 1st, 1844, for the sum of $100.00. P. M. Threshing.

Thursday—22nd to Saturday—24th
Threshing at Mr. Beasley's. Wheat is in bad order, being badly stacked.

Sunday—25th
Quite sick. Did not attend Meeting.

Monday—26th
Henry went to the machine. I feel somewhat better.

Tuesday—27th
Cool and clear. Henry came home with the horse power, it having gotten out of order. Rode up as far as Chase's store, and settled with him relative to my wheat sent to St. Louis. From some cause or other it did not bring but 40c. Marcus Chandler had the selling of it. He reports that the wheat was in bad shape, and that there were so many crickets among it which made it unsaleable. Settled with Mr. Hicks—with Ingalls, who agrees to settle the balance between us on subscription due Mr. Turner.

Wednesday—28th
Got Harris and his team, and brought to town part of the horse power to be repaired. Mr. Woodward did the smith work, 90c, and Harris fixed the wood box. Together with the trouble of getting it with his team, his charge was 75c.

Thursday—29th
Henry went off early with the machine to thresh, and threshed 46 bushels when the horse power broke. The part broken is a spindle which had a crack or flaw in it!! So I have it!!

Friday—30th
Much better today. Henry went to the machine, and brought back the broken part of the horse power.

N. B. Wednesday last Henry went to Beardstown and sold 15 bushels of wheat, the same as that sent to St. Louis, and sold it for cash at 48c, and could have gotten 50c had he tried. There seems to me something mysterious about the sale of wheat in St. Louis!!!

Sunday—1st: September, 1844
Attended Sabbath School Meeting.

Tuesday—3rd
Went to Hick's and had my plow sharpened. P. M. Commenced to break up the Northern place for wheat.

Wednesday—4th
Went to Beardstown and got the pattern that Mr. Allan had made for repairing horse power, and hearing that there was a new foundry at Jacksonville, I came home.

Thursday—5th
Went to Jacksonville with pattern for the purpose of having the spindle cast made. When I arrived I found there was no chance there—again I am disappointed. Stopped at Dr. Prosser's.

Friday—6th
Arrived home in the middle of the P. M. Henry plowing on Northern place. Gets along slowly on account of the tall weeds.

Thursday—12th
Finished threshing for Beasley. Moved up to Virginia for the purpose of threshing for Mr. George Harris. Warm.

Friday—13th
Threshing wheat for Mr. Harris. Spring wheat rather a poor article. The cast wheel repaired by Thomas Clark broke, and of course that put a stop to everything. Came home by sunset.

Saturday—14th
Henry and myself returned home via Princeton and Capt. Dutch's.

Monday—23rd
Henry and Jackson Bloyd cut up prairie corn. John Bloyd (old man) moved from the Northern place. Very cool weather.

Thursday—26th
James Bloyd and myself cutting up corn,

and hauling and stacking same. Henry helping.

Monday—30th
James Bloyd came, and we paid him off in full, in cloth. Rev. Mr. Pond with us. Mr. I. Adams called on us. Both left for their homes. Making arrangements to get to Jacksonville with son Henry to the Preparatory School of College.

Tuesday—1st: October, 1844
Henry and myself went to Jacksonville. Came to the college about middle of P. M. I went to Dr. Prosser's and put up. Left 12 pounds of wool at Capps and Co. to be carded.

Thursday—3rd
Great Whig Meeting. People and convention with their respective flags and banners, with appropriate mottoes, from all quarters. Wagon loads of men and women. In the year 1840 log cabins were for the day. Now long flag poles, live coons, and hemp stalks are the preference. The meeting and procession were so long that I stayed to look on until noon. Arrived home about 4 P. M.

Friday—4th
Made a lot for the fattening hogs.

Sunday—6th
Attended Sabbath School. But few were present.

Wednesday—9th
Finished hauling and ricking corn.

Thursday—10th
Hauled corn, 2 loads for hogs, and one load for horses.

Saturday—12th
Seeding in wheat. John Goodell helped ½ day.

Sunday—13th
Attended Sabbath School.

Tuesday—15th: October, 1844
Seeding wheat, and plowing in same. Hauled load of corn for the hogs.

Wednesday—16th
Son William and John Goodell plowing in wheat.

Thursday—24th
Digging potatoes. Plowing at the Northern place. Hauled corn to the hogs.

Saturday—26th
John Nicklow sowed about 6 bushels of wheat at the Northern place.

Sunday—27th
Attended Sabbath School. Rev. Mr. Pond preached. Son Henry visited us.

Monday—28th
Henry returned to school. Rev. Mr. Pond left for home. Hauled load of corn to the hogs. Also hauled wood.

Wednesday—30th
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Beardstown.

Friday—1st: November, 1844
Gathered a load of corn for the hogs. Went to McDonald's Mill.

Monday—4th
Went to Beardstown and attended the Presidential election. Mrs. Sewall and myself went down to Catherine's yesterday evening, and spent the night.

Tuesday—5th
Gathered load of corn for the hogs. Burnt off the piece of prairie I wish to put into wheat. George Bonny finished the timber for horse power.

Thursday—7th
Mr. Allan finished repairing the horse power in first rate order. I am to pay him for what money he spent out at St. Louis, and also the blacksmith at Beardstown for what he did. Mr. Allan makes no charge for his own work.

Saturday—9th
Went to Beardstown and had Rock and Tom shod by Mr. Eyer—7 old shoes, and one new one.

Monday—11th
Vincent set in to work for $11.00 per month. Fixed the machine, and moved to Sq. Bonny's, and set. Threshed a little in the P. M. The wheat is poor, and turns out poorly.

Saturday—16th
Son Henry came home accompanied by Sister Harriet, and her daughter Jane.

Friday—22nd
Finished threshing for Sq. Bonny 218 bushels of wheat.

Saturday—23rd
Went to Beardstown accompanied by Mrs. Sewall. We took 28 bushels of wheat which we sold for 50c, the highest price because so well cleaned. Paid $12.00 to McLane due on execution issued from the Magistrate's office for Dunlap and Co. Some costs and damages still due in Circuit Court originating by appealing, say $17.00. This has been uphill business. On our return home Mrs. Sewall spent the night with Catherine.

Sunday—24th
Mrs. Sewall came home. Attended Sabbath Meeting.

Monday—25th
John H. Goodell helping me today with a load of corn.

Tuesday—26th to Saturday—30th
Hauled in corn assisted by John H. Goodell. Slaughtered a 2 year old steer for beef.

Tuesday—3rd: December, 1844
Fixed up gaps in cross fence, and finished ridering and staking same. Turned cattle into the North field. Hauled load of oats into stable.

Sunday—8th
No Sabbath School today. Cold and clear.

Tuesday—10th
Hauled up wood preparatory to slaughtering hogs.

Thursday—12th
Slaughtered 21 hogs. Horace Goodell, Vincent Brown, and Simpson Carter assisted me.

Friday—13th
Cut up my hogs. Rev. Mr. Pond with us.

Saturday—14th
Salted away my pork. Henry came home. Attended Meeting at the Church.

Monday—16th: December, 1844
Gave Mr. John Carlock a letter of dismissal at his own request. He lives in New Lexington, Morgan Co., Ill. Sent a report of the Sabbath School to Mr. I. Adams, Jacksonville, by his request. Henry left for college. Lewis Bonny went with him with my horse and wagon to bring same back. Mrs. Sewall was called to Catherine's in the middle of the night. Catherine had a son this evening. (Wm. Cole).

Wednesday—18th
Have been very sick myself. Took calomel. Kept within doors.

Thursday—19th
Felt quite smart this morning. Hauled up to cow pen 2 good loads of stalk corn for use of milk cows. Quite sick with chill and fever in the evening.

Sunday—22nd
Remained at home and within doors. Some snow fell last night.

Wednesday—25th
Christmas. Remarkably warm and clear. My throat and mouth are quite sore.

Saturday—29th
Walked out a little today. John Nicklow hauled me a load of wood. William hauled up stock corn for the cows.

Monday—30th
Went over to Sq. Bonny's, and took up machine, and moved the same to George Bonny's for the purpose of threshing out Hick's wheat.

Tuesday—31st
Threshed a little of George Bonny's wheat. Very poor quality, indeed.

Friday—3rd: January, 1845
Threshing at Sq. Bonny's doing Hick's wheat. The pinion wheel broke off the horse power. We were compelled to stop at noon. P. M. Hauled a load of wood.

Saturday—4th
Worked on the roads today. William went to the mill, and brought home meal. Judgment entered against me today by Sq. Nailer, Virginia, for failing to pay James Mclin $10.00 with 6% interest from May, 1844. Amount to now, $11.09, and costs. Constable Tourman served process on me Monday, Dec. 30th, last part.

Tuesday—7th
Went to Beardstown with two loads of corn in the ear. Had Thomas Plaster's wagon. Sold to Horace Billings 38 bushels of corn at 20c, which was placed to my credit. Roads in fine order for hauling.

Thursday—9th
Rode out to Clark's, and home via Virginia. Paid $4.47, County order in part for the taxes for last year.

Saturday—11th
Hauled load of wood with sled from the Bottom.

Sunday—12th
Attended Sabbath School. Rev. Mr. Springer preached.

Tuesday—14th
Went to Beardstown with load of corn. Sold to Billings 18 bushels at 20c, also 9 pounds of butter at 10c.

Wednesday—15th: January, 1845
Hauled 2 good loads of oats to the stable, and load of wood from the Bottom. Settled and paid off Vincent Brown in full in cloth and cutting garments, $3.90.

Friday—17th
Birthday. 48 years old. Overhauled my bulk pork.

Sunday—19th
Attended Meeting at candle light.

Monday—20th
Rev. Mr. Pond called on us on his way to Beardstown. P. M. Hauled 3 loads of corn fodder to the milk cows. Catherine and Robert Cole visited us.

Friday—24th
Went to Virginia and paid off 2 judgments in hands of McLane.

Sunday—26th
Attended Sabbath School at Sq. Bonny's.

Monday—27th
John Nicklow helped me put in the corn crib 3 loads of corn. We have now in there about 400 bushels.

Friday—31st
William and myself finished gathering West cut of corn, part of a load which we put into the crib. It is nearly full now—600 bushels.

Tuesday 4th: February, 1845
Mr. Wm. Speaks, who has been at work for my neighbor John Thompson, came here today, and wanted employment. I engaged him for 9 months for $80.00.

Wednesday—5th
Sent off per mail in a letter signed by A. B. Bonny, postmaster, William McCauley's subscription for this year for Prairie Farmer. Pulled two loads of corn, and put it in pen. Hauled load of stock corn for the milk cows.

Sunday—9th
Attended Meeting at Sq. Bonny's. No Sabbath School today in the consequence of the burial of Mr. Hicks.

Tuesday—11th
Henry hung up my meat for smoking.

Wednesday—12th
Martha Carter died this morning. Dr. Allan of Jacksonville came to our house.

Friday—14th
Dr. Allan left us. The remains of Martha Carter were buried today.

Sunday—16th
Attended Sabbath School.

Monday—17th
Hauled up three loads of wood from the Bottom. This has been a beautiful day.

Tuesday—18th: February, 1845
Went and moved my threshing machine from George Bonny's. Judgment in favor of Murray rendered.

Wednesday—19th
Went to Beardstown, and took part of my horse power. Closed my account with Thomas Milbourn, and gave note for $320.00 with 12% interest.

Saturday—22nd
Mr. Marcus Trowbridge was buried today.

Monday—24th
Hauled load of sheaf oats to the stable (100 bundles). Rev. Mr. Pond, Mrs. Sewall, and myself, went over the Sangamon to Mr. Lilley's, where Mr. Pond preached at night. A considerable number of persons attended. There are some 8 or 10 Presbyterians that live in that neighborhood.

Tuesday—25th
Came home from Mr. Lilley's. Sold Mr. Peter Rickard 50 bundles of oats on account of tuition of children.

Wednesday—26th
Brother Pond and myself visited Mr. John Fielding's family and spent a short season in religious conversation and prayer, also with Mr. Thomas Wilson's family. Went down to Daughter Catherine's and spent a little time with herself and husband talking on religious subjects. Dined with them. Brother Pond, by appointment, preached at our house by candle light, but few guests were present on account of the rainy evening.

Thursday—27th
Went to Virginia, and thence to Jacksonville on some special business relative to some Shawneetown money purchased of Mr. Barrett of Springfield through Maj. Simms, July, 1844. Find the same credited on my note at the bank for $60.00. Saw son Henry who complains of not feeling well. Called on Mr. Coffin, and stayed at Maj. Simms.

Friday—28th
Settled up with Ranson up to March 5th. Came home. Today gave my note to James A. Barret for $37.83 with 12% interest from July 23rd, 1844.

Monday—3rd: March, 1845
Went to Farmington. Mrs. Sewall went as far as Capt. Dutch's. I stopped at my sister's, Mrs. A. Dutch, who was very glad to see me. Went to the monthly concert Prayer Meeting.

Tuesday—4th
Remained with sister Abby's family. Went to Mr. Pond's, and received of him a Burkshire male hog, 3 years old, for which I am to pay him $6.00, and 3 bushels of spring wheat at 50c, some good seed corn, etc. Loaded up and started home. Came by way of Capt. Dutch's by middle of P. M. Mrs. Sewall, and Capt. Dutch's son Ezra accompanied me home.

Wednesday—5th
Burnt off yard and wheat stubble on lot near the house, and had the misfortune to burn up the rail pen of corn supposed to be worth $60.00. This was caused by the wind taking a sudden change and rise and caught the rails.

Thursday—6th
Went over the Sangamon River which I had to ferry to Mr. Lilley's, and bought 3 bushels of spring wheat to be paid back when I get back my wheat. I will sow some timothy and clover if I can get the seed.

Saturday—8th
Cloudy and cold. Went to Mr. Miller's, and bought 12 quarts of clover seed at $6.00 per bushel, payable when I thresh out my wheat.

Wednesday—12th
Went to Beardstown with load of corn. Sold to Horace Billings 26 bushels of corn on account at 18c per bushel. This, and the last load delivered to Billings finished the amount I agreed to deliver on account

of Thomas Eyer, having agreed to pay $10.00 on account of my smith account due last year.

Saturday—15th: March, 1845
Plowing for spring wheat.

Monday—17th
Plowing and cleaning over my seed wheat which has oats among it. P. M.: Went over the Sangamon and over my timber lots. The East one has been trespassed by rail makers. Wrote to the surveyor to see if he could come, and make some lines, but he was not at home, and could do nothing for the present. The Sangamon being rather high, to ford, I ferried my horse and myself.

Thursday—20th
Breaking stalks with the horses. Henry came home.

Monday—24th
Went to Jacksonville with Henry.

Tuesday—25th
Came home by noon. Very warm today. Prepared spring wheat for sowing.

Wednesday—26th
Sowed spring wheat, 3 bushels on 3 acres, and harrowed the same.

Saturday—29th
Went to John Wagoner's with wagon, and had some repair work done. Came home by way of Catherine's and herself and husband came to our house.

Sunday—30th
Went to Divine Worship. After the meeting Catherine and family went home.

Tuesday—1st: April, 1845
Cutting stalks. Mr. Goodell's son John, and David at work today.

Wednesday—2nd
Went to Beardstown, and sold 40 hams at 5¾c, 129 pounds of lard at 3c. Paid $32.00 on Barrett's note. John Goodell cutting stalks.

Friday—4th
Attempted to thresh my wheat after working ½ day, but the horse power does not work right.

Monday—7th
Went to Beardstown in answer to summons before Sq. Shaw for the failure to pay Barret and Taylor the balance which is $16.00. The Magistrate being unwell nothing done for the present. Came home by the way of Mr. Allan's, and in a day or two he is coming to see about the horse power.

Tuesday—8th
Sowed my grass seed, timothy and clover seed, equal parts each 12 quarts. Brushed in same. Plowing for corn.

Saturday—12th
Mr. Allan came and overhauled the horse power, and put it in running order.

Monday—14th: April, 1845
Went to Beardstown with load of wheat for Mr. Chase. Mr. John Hicks died this morning.

Wednesday 16th to Saturday—19th
Plowing for corn. Very warm. 2 plows running. Henry came home accompanied by Mary Simms, and two of Prosser's children.

Sunday—20th
Attended Sabbath School.

Monday—21st
Moving rails preparatory to moving east fence. William plowing for corn. Henry and Mary and the two Prosser children went to Jacksonville.

Wednesday—23rd
Finished plowing for corn, and finished hauling out rails. Commenced harrowing over corn ground.

Monday—28th
Very heavy rain fell last night. Ground very wet. More than it has been for several months. Had my prairie plow sharpened. P. M.: Breaking prairie.

Thursday—1st: May, 1845
Planting corn. David Goodell dropping, William covering with one horse harrow.

Friday—2nd
Sheriff of Cass county served a writ on me to appear to Court to answer to a debt due Thomas Watkins, Menard county.

Saturday—3rd
Finished planting South cut of corn. Good weather.

Sunday—4th
Received the melancholy tidings of the death of Dr. Sewall of Washington City, and the death of my sister Susan's only daughter.

Monday—5th
Sick, and confined to the bed. Took medicine.

Tuesday—6th
Sheriff of Cass county served two writs on me to appear at May Court to answer into a plea of debt of I. R. Simms use of H. Rew, and the other of George F. Allan.

Thursday—8th
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Beardstown. Robert finished planting North cut of corn. John H. Goodell helping today.

Friday—9th
Threshing wheat. Robert Cole, Thomas Wilson, and John H. Goodell helping.

Sunday—11th
Attended Sabbath School. The funeral service of John Hicks was preached. He died some weeks ago.

Tuesday—13th: May, 1845
Went to Beardstown with two loads of wheat. Sold 50.60 bushels of wheat to H. Billings agreeable to contract made January 14th for 50c per bushel. If I had not made this contract I could have sold it for 62½c. So much for being in DEBT!!!

Wednesday—14th to Saturday—17th
Threshed wheat.

Friday—16th
Big frost today. Some damage done to wheat and corn.

Monday—19th
Went to Beardstown with two loads of wheat, and sold the same to the steam mill for 60c per bushel. Circuit Court in session this week. Paid off judgments of Allan and Ackerman.

Tuesday—20th: May, 1845
Shelled corn, and went to mill.

Thursday—22nd
Finished breaking up 1½ acres of prairie. Received a letter from son Henry.

Friday—23rd
Went toward Jacksonville in wagon in order to meet Henry coming home.

Monday—26th
Henry returned to Jacksonville with Lewis Bonney, who had business there. Replanted South cut of corn, which is very much missing.

Tuesday—27th
Sowed a little of South cut of corn. McLane served a summons on me to appear before Justice Nailer June 1st to answer to Thomas Wilbourn for failing to pay him $3.20.

Wednesday—28th
There have been several light frosts since the 16th, and this day, but the big frost of the 16th has done great damage to the wheat and corn.

Saturday—31st
Breaking prairie half a day. Went with a few friends to the Presbyterian Church in the evening, and practiced music.

Wednesday—4th: June, 1845
Plowing for corn, and replanting the North cut of corn.

Thursday—5th
Threshing wheat. Very warm. Thomas Wilson, Mr. Dagget (a German), and two boys of John Kershaw are helping me. The farmers are at this time plowing their corn.

Saturday—7th
Rev. Mr. Pond is with us. He went up to

Dr. Chandler's. P. M.: Attended Meeting at the Church.

Sunday—8th
Attended Sabbath School at 9 A. M. Prayer Meeting held at 10, and Public Worship at 11 A. M.

Tuesday—10th
Went to Beardstown accompanied by Mrs. Sewall. Sold 33.35 bushels of wheat to the steam mill at 50c per bushel. Very warm. Paid off judgment of Thomas's, and part of Sanders and Company.

Wednesday—11th to Saturday—14th
Plowing corn. Went to mill.

Sunday—15th: June, 1845
Attended Divine Worship at 11 A. M.

Wednesday—18th
Shucked out corn. Very rainy all day. (Corn in crib).

Thursday—19th to Saturday—21st
Rainy, and did not get much prairie broken.

Wednesday—24th
At work on cow pen which I finished. Warm.

Tuesday—25th
Went to Jacksonville and came to the college at noon. Roads very muddy. This the Commencement day.

Thursday—26th
Left Jacksonville with son Henry and his room furniture for home.

Friday—29th
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Beardstown. Henry and William plowing corn. Sheriff gave me notice of having levied on land in case of Rew's judgment.

Tuesday—1st: July, 1845
Simpson Carter plowed, and broke prairie in the morning. P. M.: Henry and William and myself plowing corn. This is now the harvest season.

Thursday—3rd
Went into the harvest fields with 2 cradlers, but the wheat was too green so only worked ½ day. Henry plowing.

Friday—4th
Independence Day. All went to Beardstown, except Mrs. Sewall, where was delivered by J. W. Pratt, Esq.* an oration, after which was a public dinner given by the citizens of Beardstown.

Sunday—6th
Attended Divine Worship.

Monday—7th
Harvesting. James Carter, Robert Carter, Frank Robertson, and David Freeman helping. Henry and William plowing. Warm.

Tuesday—8th to Saturday—12th
Harvesting. Adam Read and Henry cradled. Simpson Carter and Jackson Marshall binding. Myself shocking.

Sunday—13th: July, 1845
Attended Sabbath School.

Tuesday—15th
Orlean Hecock and Fletcher Carter came here to help harvest.

Wednesday—16th to Saturday—19th
Harvesting. Sheriff and John Rew sold the West ½ of the S. E. Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Sec. 2. Debt $220.00, and costs.

Sunday—20th
Attended Sabbath School. George Bonney preached.

Wednesday—23rd
James Wilson reaping at Northern place. Myself cradling the balance of the wheat. Sheriff levied on 300 bushels of wheat now in shock to secure George Allan's judgment of $102.83, and costs $5.87½. Gave a delivery bond with Horace Goodell as security which gives me until September 10th to get out the wheat and make the money.

Friday—25th
Shocked up the wheat at the Northern place. Simpson Carter helped me about the shocking. Very warm and sultry.

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*Candidate for General Assembly.

Saturday—26th
Moved the machinery to the Northern place, and set it in readiness to thresh.

Monday—28th
Harvesting spring wheat. Samuel Leonard cradling. Simpson Carter and myself bindind.

Wednesday—30th
Threshing at the Northern place. John H. Goodell helping.

Thursday—31st
Went to Beardstown with 2 loads of wheat. Measured in 52 bushels. Sold the same to Billings for $50.00. July wheat has fallen from 57c to 50c today, in consequence of the low stage of the water, and high freight. Paid to Constable McLane $10.00.

Friday—1st: August, 1845
Setting up shocks of wheat.

Saturday—2nd
Threshing wheat. James Leonard Carter, Thomas Wilson, James Wilson, and son, and John Goodell are at work for me.

Sunday—3rd
Attended Sabbath School.

Monday—4th
Went to Beardstown with 56 bushels of wheat. The price being only 45c, I stored it at Billings' for the present. Election of County Commissioners, and School Commissioners.

Tuesday—5th
Rode up to Henry Dick's to get more indulgence of his execution, but did not succeed. Went to Virginia with four wheels to be repaired.

Wednesday—6th
Went to Beardstown with load of wheat.

Saturday—9th
Went to Beardstown with load of wheat which I sold for 45c to pay off Dick's judgment.

Monday—11th
At home, not being well. Son Henry at work examining the wheat that is still in the shock.

Thursday—14th
Moved, and set the machine. After dinner commenced threshing. David Goodell, and James Wilson helped me.

Saturday—16th: August, 1845
Threshing wheat. Finished the bearded wheat, and threshed 52 bushels of the bald wheat.

Monday—18th
Not well. Took medicine.

Tuesday—19th
Threshing wheat. Simpson Carter, James Wilson and son, Thomas Wilson, Mitchell Thompson, and John H. Goodell helping me. Finished threshing the bald wheat. My wheat is all threshed now except two stacks and the spring wheat.

Thursday—21st
Went to Bath, Mason county to see about my timber land that I have learned has been sold for taxes June 19th. I still have two years to redeem it by paying double taxes and costs. Henry went to Virginia, and brought home the wagon wheels. Due Mr. Moore for filling, $6.00.

Friday—22nd
Went to Beardstown accompanied by Mrs. Sewall with a lot of bacon, and sold same to Billings for goods. Warm.

Sunday—24th
Attended Divine Worship.

Wednesday—27th
I am quite feeble. Henry and William are putting up straw for the winter.

Friday—29th
Went to Jacksonville with wagon and horses.

Saturday—30th
Came home. Not well. The Illinois River is very low, which prostrates all business.

Sunday—31st
Attended Sabbath School. Not well.

Tuesday—2nd: September, 1845
Much better today. Henry and William cut up 2 or 3 shocks of corn, and hauled wood. Warm.

Wednesday—3rd
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to spend the day with Mr. Fielding's. This has been the warmest day for this season. Son Henry went to C. Briggs, and fanned over some wheat for seed, 15 bushels.

Thursday—4th
Went to Beardstown, and paid on Allen's judgment, $61.00. Brought home 3 plow neck yoke.

Friday—5th
Went to Virginia, and saw R. S. Thomas, School Commissioner, who holds a mortgage on Davenport and Mathews for the sum of $100.00. The said Davenport and Mathews also have my note transferred to them by John Savage for $80.00 interest added now about $100.00. They wish me to cancel their note in any way I can best effect it as I have not the money. Mr. Thomas agrees to let me have the use of the same money which they said Davenport and Mathews owes by giving him a mortgage on my land, and paying semi-annual interest in advance, to be arranged by the last of the month. Henry and William cutting up corn. Mrs. Simms and son Samuel and granddaughter Harriet Prosser came to our house.

Saturday—6th
Cousin Samuel returned to Princeton where the Missionary Baptist Association is having a session. He is now a member of that Church. Went across the Sangamon River as far as Mr. Carmon's accompanied by Mrs. Simms and Mrs. Sewall.

Sunday—7th
Attended Sabbath School. Mrs. Simms with us. Cousin Samuel returned from the Association.

Monday—8th
Went over to Carl Rogers across the river with Mrs. Sewall and Mrs. Simms. Returned in the evening.

Tuesday—9th
Our friends all returned home. Henry and myself cutting corn. Sheriff summoned me to appear as Grand Juror in October Court.

Saturday—13th: September, 1845
Cutting corn. Shucked out remainder of old corn, and shelled some. Gathered part of a load of new corn for the horses. I went to Virginia and sold my honey and pickled pork.

Tuesday—16th
Went to Beardstown with load of wheat, and sold same to H. Billings, for 43c. Sold also the balance stored for 37½c. The reason of the reduced price was on account of the smut—otherwise the wheat was in good condition.

Wednesday—17th
Cleaned up some more wheat for seed, and we now have 75 bushels in good order.

Saturday—20th
Henry and William finished cutting up corn. Gathered a load of corn to feed.

Monday—22nd
Very cool wind. Commenced seeding wheat.

Thursday—25th
Seeding in wheat, and Henry is plowing it over.

Friday—26th
Received a letter from my sister, Mrs. Gardner, giving the painful tidings of the death of my father, which took place after a few days illness of cholera morbus on Sept. 4th. He was buried on the 6th. This ended the life of a very pious Christian. Also an old patriot of the Revolution. Aged 93 years.

Sunday—28th
Attended Sabbath School at Sq. Bonney's.

Tuesday—30th
Henry plowing in wheat. In the evening had a chill and fever.

Friday—4th: October, 1845
Made a pen for the fattening hogs.

Monday—6th
Henry and William plowing in wheat. Myself seeding. We now have about 30 acres sowed and nearly all plowed in.

Friday—10th
I finished seeding the 40 acres in corn. Sowed 41½ bushels of bald wheat. Henry and William plowing in wheat.

Saturday—11th
Went to Beardstown, and sold 20 bushels of timothy at 48c cash. Brought home flour made from four bushels of wheat which was sent to the steam mill the same day.

Sunday—12th
Attended Sabbath School. Richard Cole preached.

Monday—13th
Henry and William harrowed over the ground where the corn is cut (2 year prairie) running two harrows.

Tuesday—14th
Began seeding this ground. I seeded 10½ bushels today among the corn.

Wednesday—15th: October, 1845
Finished seeding the ground among the corn.

Thursday—16th
Went to Mr. Lilley's, and borrowed his wheat fan for the purpose of cleaning my wheat for the market.

Friday—17th
Went to Beardstown accompanied by Mrs. Sewall with 34 bushels of bald wheat, and sold the same to Nolle and McClure at 50c cash. Borrowed of school commissioner $107.00 for 12 months at 8%. For the security of the payment, mortgaged 40 acres on which my dwelling house stands—all the land I bought of Northern and West ½ of S. W. quarter. This money is to pay off my note of Mathews and Davanport of Jacksonville. Paid the semi-annual interest up to April 17th, being $4.28 and $1.00 for recording mortgage, etc.

Sunday—19th
Had fever all night. Attended Sabbath School.

Monday—20th
Went to Beardstown with load of wheat, 36 bushels, and sold same to Nolle and McClure for cash. William returned with the wagon, and I remained as Grand Juror of the Circuit Court now in session.

Thursday—23rd
Having some business to attend to in Court relative to the judgment in favor of Watkins, I have been detained until now. William came in with load of wheat, and as Court was adjourned I returned home quite unwell.

Saturday—25th
Received a copy of the will of my father, sent me by one of the executors, . L. Tappan.

Sunday—26th
Not being well, I remained at home.

Monday—27th
I had a very sick spell in the night. Feel quite feeble. Henry and William hauling corn.

Tuesday—28th
Mr. Stribling, to whom I sold 4 steers some time ago, came and got them today.

Thursday—30th
Henry and William plowing for wheat. I rode around the neighborhood and invited a few of the neighbors to come tomorrow and help move out fence. Warm and dry.

Friday—31st
A few of my neighbors with teams having met, we moved out string of fence on the East side of the farm, and took in piece of ground, part of which I broke in the spring. A good day's work done.

Monday—3rd: November, 1845
Finished staking and ridering the fence lately moved and set.

Wednesday—5th
Thomas Clark issued a summons to appear before Mr. C. Scott, Esq. November 13th to answer to failing to pay his note given him April 1844. Finished plowing wheat. Began seeding and harrowing the same in.

Saturday—8th
Hauled up load of stock fodder for cattle, 20 of which stay around and need some feeding. Digging potatoes. Went to McDonald's Mill.

Sunday—9th
Attended Sabbath School at Sq. Bonney's.

Wednesday—12th
Threshing the balance of the old crop of wheat of 1844. A very dirty job. Thomas Wilson, John H. Goddell, and William Leonard helping. Summons served on me today from Sq. Shaw's office, Beardstown, to appear before him Nov. 18th in complaint of Basset and Taylor for $18.25.

Thursday—13th
Judgment rendered against me before John C. Scott, Virginia, of Thomas Clark for $20.80.

Friday—14th: November, 1845
Threshing wheat in A. M. P. M.: began the fall wheat.

Monday—19th
Marking and altering shoats.

Tuesday—18th
Henry made a scraper to work on the roads with. The supervisor allows us 75c a day. William and team of horses at work on the roads.

Thursday—20th
Cleaned up what wheat was around the machine. Henry and myself at work.

Friday—21st
Collected hands, and after working 1½ hours one of the zinc boxes gave way, and prevented us from further working.

Saturday—22nd
Sent a letter by mail to Mr. Robert Gardner with an order in favor of Stephen Sewall on my father's estate for $124.00 to meet the payment of my note in hand agreeably to his request. Went to Beardstown with 36 bushels of wheat, and sold same to Sanders and Company for 62½c per bushel. Henry and William and team finished working out my road tax.

Sunday—23rd: November, 1845
I did not attend Sabbath School. Henry went to Beardstown to witness the proceedings of the Committee of the Presbytery ordaining Rev. Mr. Smith, and constituting a Presbyterian Church.

Monday—24th
Slaughtered hogs just for the use of the family.

Friday—28th
Snowy weather. Henry and William hauled in 2 loads of wood on sled.

Sunday—30th
Attended Divine Worship. Rev. Mr. Smith, recently ordained at Beardstown, preaches. He will be here ½ his time, and the other ½ in Beardstown.

Tuesday—2nd: December, 1845
Henry and myself shucked out fodder. Thawed some in the middle of the day.

Saturday—6th
Mrs. Sewall and myself rode over to Mr. Thompson's at noon, and heard a sermon from Rev. Mr. Downing. Mr. Thompson had most of his children baptised.

Wednesday—10th
Cold and severe morning. Shucked out a little shock fodder, but too cold to do much.

Thursday—11th
Henry making shelters for the hogs which are piling up to their own destruction.

Sunday—14th
Attended Meeting. Rev. Mr. Smith present. Monthly concert at night. 90c collected. Rev. Smith came home with us.

Monday—15th: December, 1845
Rev. Mr. Smith returned to Beardstown.

Wednesday—17th
Sheriff Savage called, and made a levy on two lots of land, the West ½ and the East ½ of the N. W. Quarter of Section 2, Range 10 West in Township 18 North. Judgment, $199.63, costs $7.55, and 6% interest from May 20th, 1845.

Friday—19th
Eight hog drivers stopped with us for the night.

Saturday—20th
Up early, and attended to the hog drivers. Their bill, $3.25.

Sunday—21st
At home all day.

Tuesday—23rd: December, 1845
Went to Springfield with part of my wheat, and had same ground at Grinsley Steam Mill into flour. Went to the Land Register's Office, and left my patent and letter lately received from land office to have same corrected as to the quantity of land it conveys to me. Also made application to have the money returned to me for which I paid not conveyed to me, Section 34, Township 18, Range 10 W. of 3rd P. M. Returned to Major Dutch's.

Thursday—25th
Sat off for home. Here I arrived by dark.

Friday—26th
Went to Virginia, and delivered to Moore for repairing wagon 270 pounds of flour. Moderate weather.

Monday—29th
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Beardstown with 25 bushels of wheat, and sold it to Saunders for 65c. Paid off Epler judgment.

Wednesday—31st
Went to Beardstown with load of corn, about 12 bushels, and 11 bushels of wheat. The wheat I sold to Saunders for 62½c, and the corn I delivered to Rev. Mr. Smith. The roads are very muddy. Paid McClure $10.00 on account of Basset and Taylor.

Thursday—1st: January, 1846. Cass County. Rainy all day. In the evening Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Dr. Chandler's by invitation, where a few guests gathered for a social hour. It was an agreeable interview to us.

Saturday—3rd
Slaughtered 9 hogs assisted by Mr. H. Goodell, and Peter Rickard. These hogs are fat, and the best lot I have ever had cut. Cut up same after dinner.

Monday—5th
Salted away my pork. Mr. Robert Leeper and lady called for the night.

Tuesday—6th
The Leepers left us.

Wednesday—7th
Mended the machine, and cleaned up the parcel of wheat which has been laying around the machine so long on the ground.

Friday—9th
Rode around in the neighborhood to get up a singing school for Mr. Smith, but no encouragement in the Cole's neighborhood.

Saturday—10th
Rode around the upper neighborhood, and procured subscriptions to Singing School. Rev. Mr. Smith opened a Singing School with 15 scholars.

Sunday—11th
Attended Divine Worship. Took charge of the Adult Bible Class. Rev. Mr. Smith is improving with his sermons.

Tuesday—13th: January, 1846
Fixed up corn crib and stable. Examined machines. President Sturdevant and Nathaniel Coffin, Esq. from Illinois College called on us, and dined.

Wednesday—14th
Received from travellers $1.20. Henry and myself shucked out fodder in the A. M. Mild weather.

Thursday—15th
Threshing out balance of the wheat. Also the spring wheat.

Friday—16th
Cleaned up the wheat about the machine. Put up the straw.

Saturday—17th
Birthday—49 years old. Made a shelter for the calves with straw.

Sunday—18th
Remained at home.

Monday—19th to Saturday—24th: Jan. 1846.
Snowing spell. Hauled wood with sled. Also rails. Attended Singing School at the meeting house.

Sunday—25th
Catherine and her husband with us today.

Wednesday—28th
Henry went to Beardstown with 22 bushels of wheat, and sold the same to Nolle and McClure for cash at 55c. I went to Sq. Bonney's, and made a contract to thresh his wheat.

Friday—30th
Moved the machine to Sq. Bonney's, and set same.

Sunday—1st: February, 1846
Remained home all day.

Monday—2nd
Posted a stray heifer before Thomas Plaster Esq. appraised by H. Goodell and Simpson Carter at $5.00.

Wednesday—4th
Threshed at Sq. Bonney's until the machine got out of order. Fixed the same with the assistance of George Bonney. Two travellers remained with us over night. Received $1.50.

Thursday—5th
Henry went to town with a load of wheat, and sold to Nolle and McClure for 50c cash. I went to Virginia, and paid off the execution and costs in favor of Thomas Clark. Settled with Mr. C. Moore.

Friday—6th
Threshing at Sq. Bonney's. At night, just before I stopped the horses, two levers and 2 braces broke.

Saturday—7th
I went to Sq. Bonny's, and helped repair the machine.

Sunday—8th
Attended Divine Worship. Rev. Mr. Smith preached.

Wednesday—11th
Finished threshing at Sq. Bonny's. Quantity threshed 378 bushels. Moved a short distance to George Bonny's, to be in readiness to thresh.

Friday—13th
Finished threshing George Bonny's wheat. Moved and set the machine on the farm of the late Trowbridge for the purpose of threshing a stack of wheat for Mr. English.

Tuesday—17th: February, 1846
Henry went to Jacksonville. I went to the mill with 6 bushels of corn. and got the same ground. Brought it home. Hauled out a load of straw for the cows.

Wednesday—8th to Saturday—21st
Snowing rapidly at times. Hauled up shock corn for the cattle. Children attended the Singing School. I wrote to Major Simms about selling him a cow that he wants.

Sunday—22nd
Attended Divine Worship and Sabbath School.

Monday—23rd
Henry went to Beardstown with a load of wheat for Bonny on the sled.

Wednesday—25th: February, 1846
Henry and William hauled wood all day. I am some little better today.

Friday—27th
Henry went to Chandler's and Chase's, and got a load of lard to haul to Beardstown tomorrow.

Saturday—28th
Henry went to Beardstown with the load of lard for Chase. About 2 inches of snow fell last night.

Sunday—1st: March, 1846
I remained indoors today, but the family attended Divine Worship.

Tuesday—3rd
Mrs. Sewall and myself went to Rev. Springer's in jumper. Real good sleighing.

Wednesday—4th
At Rev. Mr. Springer's. Have agreed to thresh his wheat as soon as is practical. Returned home.

Monday—9th
Very warm and sultry. Hauling corn which has been shucked out of the shock corn for some time past. The growing crop of wheat looks promising.

Tuesday—10th
Hauled to Beardstown for Dr. Chandler 8 barrels of lard at 25c each.

Wednesday—11th
Put up pickled pork middlings clear of bone. Henry and William hauled rails, and repaired West side of farm.

Friday—13th
Rev. Mr. Springer here. Henry went to the bottom timber, and cut and made rails.

Saturday—14th: March, 1846
Up early, and threshed Mr. English's wheat, 105 bushels. Beautiful day. Ground frozen a little this morning.

Sunday—15th
Some of my family attended the Meeting at the Hickory schoolhouse, but I remained at home. In the evening the Lillie family came, they being prevented from going over the river.

Monday—16th
Henry and myself went over to English's and hauled home the horse power. Later moved it to Mr. Springer's.

Thursday—19th
Finished the wheat for Rev. Mr. Levi Springer, 153 bushels. After dinner loaded up, and returned home.

Friday—20th
Had a hard shake in the course of the past night. Very sick all day. Took medicine.

Sunday—22nd
Was not able to attend Divine Worship today. I understand that the choir formed yesterday, and did very well in its performance.

Monday—23rd: March, 1846
Considerable shower before day this morning. Cloudy indicating rain. Very growing weather. Henry and William went to the bottom timber to get wood to make a few rails.

WILLIAM SEWALL

DIED

APRIL 7, 1846

APPENDIX I

Fourteen Letters
written by
General Henry Sewall
to his parents *
while a soldier in
The Revolutionary War
1775-1783

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*Who then resided at York, Maine.

No. 1.

Fishkill,
Feb'y 16, 1780.

My dear Parents:

Having waited a good while with some impatience for a line from you, am now urged by the decrees of fate to address you by way of information & IMPORTUNITY. Information of my late loss, & importunity for relief so far as circumstances will enable you to perform, without injuring yourselves, or neglecting good objects of charity.

On the night of the 26. of Jan'Y by some unaccountable accident the Quartermaster's Store and house, with all the public stores, including Mr. Whiting's, Mr. Francis' and my own baggage were consumed by fire. Someone in the house discovered the fire so late that it was with difficulty they escaped with their lives. I happened to be at this place on a tour of business, and had accidentally taken with me a spare shirt, stockings, and breeches, or I should, perhaps, shar'd a much worse fate. My loss is, however, very considerable;—as my sword, commission, silver buckles, &c., have accompanied the other lost valuables, though not less necessary articles of baggage, to the shades of oblivion.

I have written his Excellency for relief from the public stores of cloathing—what success I shall meet with I am not yet informed.

I don't mean to insinuate that I am yet in a suffering condition. No, Thank Heaven. I have yet FRIENDS. And a friend in adversity is a friend indeed. There is a grateful satisfaction in receiving favors in such a state which those in affluence never can experience.

All I request is those two shirts which, when you have received the linen from Boston, that you make. Also a pair or two of stockings, which, if possible, you could send by Capt. Lt. Remich (of Hittery), or Lieut. Stone (of York, the bearer of this) who are all on furlough, and will be coming to Camp in a short time.

By a late act of Congress, the mustering Department is annexed to that of the Inspector, and all the old mustering Officers dismissed on a year's pay. I consequently join my regiment, and return to the particular duties of the line.

Fate, as if apprised of this, has very officiously disencumbered me of every weight, and more than prepared me to perform the active duties thereof with the greater alacrity.

The enemy made an excursion from their lines at the beginning of this month with a large body of infantry, fell on our guards near White Plains, killed fifteen, and took forty or fifty prisoners—among whom were 1 Lt. Colo., 1 Capt; 1 Capt. Lt.; 3 Subs., taken & 1 Capt. killed. They returned immediately to New York. I have not been able to acsertain their loss, but 'tis generally thought it must have been considerable, as the charge was severe while it lasted.

I hope my sufferings will not give you any unavailable trouble. I have seen fate in a far more adverse form, without being daunted. Disappointments by repetition grow more familiar.

I shall expect a letter by the first opportunity. I have not had that pleasure since the first of Nov. last.

Meantime, I am most sincerely,

Your affectionate, dutiful son,

H. SEWALL, jr.

No. 3.

Fishkill,
April 14, 1780.

My dear Parents:

Sometime has elapsed since I have expected a line from you by some of our eastern officers, whose furloughs are out, and daily expected in;—unless they have stop'd to prosecute the recruiting service, agreeable to a late act of the assembly of the Mass. State, an act which ought to have claimed their earlier thoughts. For our nine month levies, having finished their term of service, are mostly gone, and left us very naked. Should any sudden movement of the enemy call us into the field, we should have such a disproportion of officers, that it would be attended with disagreeable consequences. We have only about NINETY men in our regiment for the war.

Being quartered at this post has been a great privilege to such as have had the disposition to improve it. I have had little other exercise or diversion, since I have been here, than BOOKS. This has a tendency to increase my natural taste for social conversation;—at least, while I am reading, but this loss I hope to repair by the funds which I hope to collect from these improving companions.

Our Station here is very precarious—we can't expect to remain a great while longer—and I am not so well furnished with field-necessaries as I could wish. I have not heard as yet from my cloathing orders since I sent them to headquarters to be countersigned. I have purchased a tolerable good sword—and some silver for a pair of buckles.

I have written to Lt. Colo. Fernald by B. to make one more effort to get my donation of linen, &c., but have not yet had any return.

Sometimes when I give scope to the pressing crowd of serious thoughts which frequently attend me, I am almost persuaded to renounce the pursuit of this boisterous sea of public life and leave the empty sound of titles & honor to the vain and ambitious. But I still wish, if possible, to persereve to the end. And, pray, what prospects can I have to return home at present? Shall I not be subject to the levy of taxation and militia draught? Or, laying aside these difficulties, how far will my bills of depreciation, supposing them to be fifteen thousand dollars, go towards purchasing a settlement? These questions have some weight, and could they be clearly and favorably solved, might perhaps determine whether this campaign should be the last the public might expect of my services.

I wrote the 11. ulto. by Bill Kendal, and sent, besides what I mentioned in the letter, a pair of worn-out thread stockings to be mended, if not past cure. Hope you rec'd them.

I enclose herein a copy of my journal from Jan'Y 1. to Apl. 1., which I had the fortune to save from the general conflagration of my papers. This I would have you deposit with my other papers. I have no objection to your perusing it, if you think it worth the trouble; but, I would not choose to have it made public by any means. This observation I mean should extend to all my journals now in your possession.

Three revolving years have nearly passed their circuits since last I took my leave of you. It may not be amiss to take a retrospect of the numberless scenes through which the tender hand of providence has conducted me. But, here I am swallowed up in the unfathomable abyss of thoughtful admiration! Though my difficulties and sufferings have exceeded power of numbers, yet they have been dissipated by a still more exceeding goodness!

With particular regards to my brothers and sisters, I am

With every endearing affection,

Your dutiful son,

H. SEWALL, jr.

P. S. Robt. Hughes passed this last Sunday on his way to Boston on furlough.

No. 4.

Fishkill,
April 23, 1780.

Hon'd. Parents:

I have such an estimate for convenient opportunities of writing you,—I cannot persuade myself to let any pass unembraced.

I wrote you no longer ago than the 14th enclosing my journal to the 1. inst.

We have lately received orders for three officers from each regiment to go on the recruiting service.—I might have been one of the number from the 12. regiment, but, the poor encouragement allowed by the public—my conscious incapacity for such service—together with the enormous expense, to say nothing of the fatigue of the journey, has quite over-balanced my most fervent desires to see my friends at home, and drawn me into a resolution to tarry till I can see a more favorable opportunity, or, perhaps, come for good.

The intelligence I gave you in my letter No. 2, respecting the capture of Sir Harry & Cornwallis—however authenticated, has proved to be PREMATURE.

The intercepted letter, said to be wrote by Sir Harry Clinton at Georgia, to Lord George Germaine, published in the papers, which you have doubtless seen, is judged to be not genuine.

The alarming state of our currency seems to be the principal topic of the day, and on the stability of THIS seems to depend the furnishing of MEN & PROVISIONS to carry on the war. Congress has passed a resolve of March 29, call'd the money act, which seems to be a measure of NECESSITY rather than of CHOICE. I heartily wish it may be the intended effect of swift fixing, and then preventing a farther depreciation by establishing funds. It is very likely you have seen this resolve, or will see it sooner than I could convey it.

I have on hand, some abstracts which I took from the rolls of the last muster I was concerned with, but the delicacy with which we treat the EFFECTIVE STRENGTH of the army, prevents my enclosing them till the state of the troops may have altered so much that no adequate judgment of the numbers may be formed from them.

I received by Capt. Lt. Remich, a letter from brother Daniel of March 18, enclosing a sketch of our family arms—but I am afraid my seal is lost. I answered my brother's letter, under cover to Capt. Jon. Sewall, the 18. inst.

Colo. Ward, who pass'd this last Sunday on his way to Boston has informed me that my order for cloathing was countersigned by Colo. Harrison and enclosed to me. But as it was covered in one to Mr. Rutgen and that gentleman now residing at Albany, the letter has taken that route. I expect it this way every day. But it is very uncertain when there will be any cloathing in the store. I am with filial affection,

Yours very sincerely,

H. SEWALL, jr.

No. 5.

May 15, 1780.
Fishkill,

My dear Parents:

I had the pleasure of your acceptable favor of the 15. ulto by ——— Beal, accompanied by one from each of my brothers, of the same date.

I cannot conceive the reason of the miscarriage of the letter sent by Lieut. Nath'l. Stone of York; of whom, I flatter myself, you cannot be ignorant. Lest you might not get sight of the original I have enclosed a copy thereof.

We have nothing very interesting to give you. The Marquise de la Fayette has arrived at headquarters, and we have sent a party from our regiment to escort his baggage from Hartford to Camp.

Provisions are so scarce, the army have been reduced, by General orders, to little more than half allowance for more than a fortnight past, and some part of the time, by necessity, none at all. For my own part, it gives me no personal uneasiness; for I am fully persuaded we could do with much less victuals than we generally eat. In short, it makes us light and active, and raises us above the sordid pleasures of luxury, which we ought to leave to the beasts, who are capable of no higher enjoyment. But it gives me very sensible pain for those soldiers who are obliged to be on constant duty.

My cloathing order is at length arrived, certified by Colo. Harrison, but there is no cloathing of any kind in the store, or any prospect of any very soon.

This, and the poor supplies of provision and money makes me think of an observation made by an officer in the Canadian expedition. It appears to me to be very applicable now: "We have a General without men, a Paymaster without money, and a Commissary without Provisions."

I am not able to give you any intelligence of Dan'l. Bridges, have not seen him, but will endeavor to find him by inquiry if practicable.

I have not time to enlarge, the bearer is now waiting, and indeed I am much hurried to complete it so far, as is very obvious by the writing, but I shall make no apology.

I am with esteem and respect,
Yours affectionately,
H. SEWALL, jr.

Enclosed are letters for Brs. Daniel and Jotham.

No. 6.

Fishkill,
May 20, 1780.

Memorable Parents:

The short intervals between my letters, I hope will not be offensive. I was much hurried when I wrote last, nor have I more leisure now.

Mr. Storer, the Paymaster to the regiment, being on furlough, by his solicitation, I have undertaken to officiate in that office during his absence. Although we have received no money since the last of Dec'r. 1779, yet the frequent discharge of the temporary soldiers, and the dribbling supplies of cloathing, which all pass through the hands of the Paymaster, keeps me pretty busy. I have, however, squeezed out the present moments for your service, and I heartily wish I had a much larger portion for so delightful a task.

Provisions are a little plentier than when I wrote you last, but not yet sufficient to furnish the troops with full allowance. This deficiency has been occasioned by the difficulty of transportation, which has arisen principally from the scarcity of forage and money.

We have it current, and I believe authentic, that a reduction of regiments is on foot, that our fifteen will be reduced to ten. This will liberate a number of supernumerary officers, and if the dismission is honorable and generous, I think I should prefer being of that number, but shall endeavor to submit to the direction of providence in this, and all other events.

Inclosed is the copy of an ovation, which, according to the custom of the lodge, by rotation, I was impelled to deliver before an audience of about seventy brethren on the 4th inst. 'Tis not any ostentatious views that prompt me to this step, but principally to secure the piece from the contingencies of our precarious situation; and partly to convince you by the sentiment of the good qualities of masonry, or at least, of its freedom from anything bad. But I must intreat you not to expose it to the criticism of any,—It was never meant for publication, but merely for the edification of that particular society.

I cannot better conclude than this,—than by quoting Thomson's description of the present beautiful season:—

* * * * "The penetrating sun,
His face deep darting to the dark retreat
Of vegetation, sets the streaming power
At large, to wander O'er the verdant earth,
In various hues; but chiefly thee, gay green!
Thou smiling nature's universal robe!
United light & shade; where the sight swells
With growing strength, and ever-new delight!
From the moist meadow, the wither'd hill,
Led by the breeze the vivid verdure runs,
And swells & deepens on the cherish'd eye!
The hawthorn whitens; and the juicy groves
Put forth their buds, unfolding by degrees,
Till the whole leafy forest stands display'd
In full luxuriance to the sighing gales.
* * * * At once array'd
In all the colors of the flushing year,
By nature's swift & secret-working hand,
The garden glows, and fills the liberal air
With lavish programs; while the promis'd fruit
Lies yet a little embryo, unperceived
Within its crimson folds. New from the town
Buried in smoke and sleep and noisome damps,
Oft let me wander o'er the dewy fields,
Where freshness breathes, and dash the trembling drops
From the bent bush, as through the verdant maze
Of sweetbrier hedges I pursue my walk;—
And see the country, far diffus'd around
One boundless blush, one white impurpled shower
Of mingled blossoms; where the raptur'd eye
Hurries from joy to joy." * * *

I am with perfect esteem,

Your dutiful son,

H. SEWALL, jr.

No. 7.

Fishkill,
May 28, 1780.

Dear Parents:

Your acceptable favor, inclosing one from brother Jotham, of the 16th inst. arrived by Lt. Littlefield, the 25. inst., which was only nine days after date, which naturally made them more acceptable. I have also answered yours of the 15th of April by ———— for all which, I now render you my cordial thanks.

We have an account by the Pennsylvania gazette, of a battle at Charlestown, the 25. ulto. in which the enemy were repulsed with the loss of three hundred. But the southern intelligence has been so vague, I am afraid to credit it. This I believe may be depended on, that Congress has sent circular letters to the respective states, informing that they expect a large naval and land force to act in conjunction with the American Army against common enemy, in the approaching-campaign, as occasion may require.

It being Sunday, the afternoon service near beginning, and Mr. Littlefield now waiting, I have not time to comment on the continued lack of provisions, money & men, the miserable shape we are in to sustain the inconveniences of a fight should such a thing happen; nor is it at all unlikely, especially if the enemy should return from the southward to New York. If so small an army cannot be supplied, what shall we do if the regiments are fill'd up, and the French army, &c.

I have not time to write to Jotham, but thank him for his favor of the 16. inst., must trust to a future oppt. to answer it.

I am, in all the confusion of headlong hurry,

Yours very affectionately,
H. SEWALL, jr.

Favor'd by Lt. Littlefield.

No. 8.

Fishkill Landing,
Six Miles from the Barracks,
July 5, 1780.

Dear Parents:

Accidentally meeting, at this place, with one Nath'l. Perkins of Cape Neddick, who was taken prisoner with our fleet at Charlestown, and returned in a cartel with Genl. Lincoln by the way of Philadelphia, I do myself the pleasure to write you by him.

Being absent from my papers, am not able to recollect exactly whether any of your letters to me remain unanswered, (except one from Brothr. Daniel by Col. Fernald, the date of which I have forgot), and inclin'd to think not.

Our regiment remains yet at Fishkill—six months levies begin to come in. His Excellency remains in Jersey yet with a few brigades, the rest being detach'd to reinforce Westpoint. There was an appearance of the Enemy's shipping in the river, on the 24. of June, making for the Garrison in force, which alarm'd the militia to the distance of 100 miles, who began their march, but on the shipping's disappearing they remanded back,—At the same time the enemy made a diversion in Jersey, but were bravely repulsed by our troops in that quarter. Our loss was fifty-odd kill'd and theirs much greater.

I hope the loss of Charlestown (more especially the brave, but unfortunate troops taken in it) will rouse our country from their late shameful lethargic supineness. The State of Pennsylvania are acting with spirit, they have declared MARTIAL LAW thro the state, and seem determined to support THEIR part of the war. Nothing but our own INATTENTIVE SECURITY has protracted the war to this length. O, let us not lose by our own folly, the object we have been so arduously striving to obtain these five years! Like the children of Israel we are like to be forty years establishing our Independence.

I am in exceeding great hope,
Yours very affectionately,
H. SEWALL, jr.

Favor'd by Mr. Perkins.

No. 9.

Orangetown, (or Tappan) State of New York,
On the western side of Hudson River,
About 16 miles from Kings ferry, and 21
From New York.
Aug't. 12. 1780.

Hon'd Parents:

A considerable time has elapsed since I have had the pleasure of a line from you. But Mr. Westcot being in camp, I cannot omit giving you a detail of our movements since my last.

Our regiment left Fishkill the 1. inst. and join'd a brigade at Pecks-hill, the 2d where we found the whole army encamp'd. All the baggage, except three horseman's tents to the officers of a regiment; one common tent to twelve men; one regimental coat, two waistcoats, two pairs breeches, three shirts, three stocks, three pairs stockings, a pair of boots and shoes to an officer, was sent off to be lodged at Westpoint. This was done to facilitate a forced march of the army towards New York, which was premeditated to divert the British from their plan of blockading the French at Rhode Island. The return of the British fleet being affected by this, or what means soever else, the army was ordered to recross the river at Kings ferry (in order to prosecute the original plan of the campaign), which they did accordingly. The right wing on the 4. inst. and the left wing on the 5. inst.,—the latter includes Gen'l. Howe's division in which is our (Gen'l. Nixon's) brigade. We had intense hot weather the day we cross'd, several of our men fainted, and one of Glover's brigade died. We arrived after two or three halts at this place, the 8. inst. and encamped. It is very probable the army will remain here to wait the movements of the French fleet, meantime the recruits in particular, and the whole army in general will be instructed in the practical principles of military discipline.

The late order to discharge all supernumerary baggage had taken place in our regiment before it was countermanded and as we had sent ours to Fishkill, have not had opportunity to send for it till today. It will be some days before it arrives. This prevents my enclosing a number of papers which are now with my baggage, and will be cumberous in our moving camp. Nor am I able to recollect whether my last letter was numbered 7 or 8. It was dated July 5. I have left the number blank for you to fill up. When my papers arrive I shall be able to ascertain it, and can number my next in proper succession, allowing for this.

I have twenty-odd of the six months recruits in my company, all strangers, except Eb. Haynes from Neburyport, formerly from O. York. I saw Jno. Tenny, and some others from York, as they passed through Fishkill, but have not seen them since.

This campaign bids fair to produce some considerable event. If we should succeed, it will very probably come near completing the war. If we should be defeated, it will doubtless be with loss and will strike a heavy stamp on the face of public affairs. We must not raise our expectations too high. 'Tis true we have now in the field a respectable army, in point of numbers, but our New England troops which form one wing of the army, are near three-fourths new levies, and not yet experienced either in the fatigues or discipline of war. We are daily, hourly, and perpetually inculcating the rudiments of subordination, and teaching them the duty of a soldier. But after all, you know "the battle is not to the strong." Though we ought to make every preparation in our power to repel the common enemy, yet we should beware of trusting too much to the arm of flight. We shall do well to implore the assistance of a heavenly ally, the King of Hosts, and God of Armies. And I doubt not but your fervent prayers are daily ascending and addressing the throne of grace in our behalf, and that our operations may be crowned with signal and victorious success.

With unfeigned regards to brethren, sisters, and all enquiring acquaintances,

I am, most respectfully,
Yours,
H. SEWALL, jr.

P. S. The enclosed to Br. Dan'l. you will please to forward.

N. B. Mr. Westcot will return again in about five weeks from this. You will please improve the opportunity of increasing my happiness by writing.

No. 10.

Teneick, State of New Jersey,
Two miles from N. river, 10 miles
Below Dobbs ferry.
Aug't. 24. 1780.

Dear Parents:

Your very accetpable favor of the 26. July arrived safe by Post the 18. inst., which I received with a mixture of pleasure and grief. The unexpected death of my kinsman, my coeval, my friend Crosby, is truly affecting. The iron hand of death seems to be making gradual inroads upon the family to which we belong, and solemnly hinting to us the propriety nad necessity of making a serious preparation to meet our last in the dangerous defile.

I observe you mention the receipt of all my letters except No. 6, which was dated May 20. and enclosed a copy of an oration dd. before the Society of Freemasons at West Point, the 4. May last. Hope it did not finally miscarry.

We had no very remarkable darkness on the 19. of May, it was just noticed, and that was all.

I wrote you No. 9 by Mr. Westcot, covering one to Br. Daniel the 12. inst. at Orangetown;—from which the whole army mov'd to this place yesterday, the distance of about 10 miles.

It is with no small degree of reluctance that I can ever prevail on myself to wound your feelings with a detail of our sufferings. But when I consider that my letters may possibly be seen by some persons of influence, I will venture, and I choose the country should KNOW (if it is possible they can be IGNORANT) how little, how very little, they make their army the object of their attention. This is now the FIFTH day since we have drawn any meat of any kind, during which time we have subsisted on bread alone. This we cannot cheerfully put up with, but what seems to aggravate the matter is that it is general,—it is so throughout the army, and although in the very heart of a plentiful country our magazines of provision are entirely destitute of meat and no speedy prospect of any supplies.

Some think this scarcity of provision has occasioned the removal of the army to this place (which is chiefly inhabited by Tories) to countenance the last effort of the General to supply his army by force. And this seems very probable for parties are actually sent for that purpose, towards the enemy's lines, with orders to take cattle, sheep, and hogs from the inhabitants, and give receipts therefor, for the use of the army.

My heart begins to relent already, for the pain I have given you by the preceding account, and if I had not wrote it, my present disposition would totally exclude it from my letter. Pray do not grieve; before you receive this, the face of things will be favorably chang'd.

I am glad to hear you have rec'd my two first notes. I have sent by Mr.

Westcott for the others, and told him to leave them with Br. Parsons, who will deliver them to you. My old advance pay Notes I hope you have disposed of before now; as the interests of them has ceased sometime ago; and the perpetual depreciation of the currency has already reduced them to little or no value. It would be an essential service to me to have my money traded on, that when I come, I might receive my own with usury.

I enclose, to be deposited with my other papers, my journal from 1. Apl. to 17. inst; two abstracts, which I have mentioned heretofore, and a copy of the resolve of Congress of the 12. Jan'Y. respecting the dissolution of the mustering Department; all which I have entrusted with the bearer, one Clark of Wells, who by the mediation of Col. Littlefield has obtained a discharge from the service, and is bound home.

I sincerely wish the laudable intentions of Br. Daniel may not be counteracted, or his growing hopes blasted by the cruel hand of adverse fate, but that the silken union may be happily form'd, the alliance honorable and virtuous, and attended with real and increasing bliss. I should be happy moreover to be of the party at the celebration of the nuptials, but fate begrudges me that happiness.

I am with sincerest affection,

Yours respectfully,

H. SEWALL, jr.

Favor'd by Mr. Clark.

No. 11.

Teneik, Bergen County,
Sept. 3, 1780,
Sunday afternoon.

Dear Parents:

Ensign Nason of the 12. Mass. regt. having obtained leave to resign his commission, and being bound home to his place of abode, at Arrundel, I have troubled him with a line to you. I wrote you from this place (No. 10) the 24. ult. which I hope you have received, together with the inclosed contents.

Nothing very essential has transpired since my last. We are under marching orders and shall move from this tomorrow morning. Have had a very heavy rain today, which almost inundated us.

I forgot, in my last, to request you to keep my journal secluded from the eye of common observation, as there are many sentiments and remarks which were the product of my serious hours of reflection, and which concern none but myself. The plan of Disposition, I must also request you would disclose to none but persons of known sagacity, prudence, discretion, and veracity.

I have lately made application for the year's pay, mentioned in the resolve of Congress of Jan'Y. 12, '80, enclosed in my last, but was informed by Colo Harrison that I was not entitled to it. My continuance in the line, in service and pay, he thinks, excludes me from the benefit of the resolve. I have by his direction made out an account of extra expenses while in the mustering Department, amounting to 411 Dollars, and obtain'd a warrant from his Excellency for the money.

The hono'ble major-general Marquis de la Fayette has presented each regiment of Light Infantry with an elegant Standard of colors; also each officer of that corps with gold epaulets, according to their respective ranks, and to each officer and soldier a black and a red feather and cockade.

His Excellency, the Commander in chief, has recommended the officers to wear black and white cockades, black ground and white relief, emblematic of the expected union of the two armies.

Inclosed are four letters from Col. Ward, two from Lt. Colo. Varick, and one from Colo. Harrison, which I wish you to deposit with my other papers heretofore sent you.

Provisions are not so scarce as when I wrote last.

With proper respects to all enquiring friends and connections, I am

With sincere esteem and fervent affection,

Your dutiful son,

H. SEWALL, jr.

P. S. About 3 miles from this, we can have a prospect of the island and city of York, with all the enemy's fortifications thereon.

I forgot to mention that Roger Plaisted is in my company, a six months levy from the town of Laco.

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(Letter continued)

Hackensack, N. Jersey,
Sept. 4, 1780,
In the evening.

This day the whole army retir'd to the right to this ground, the distance of about 5 miles, and almost that distance further from York. This movement 'tis supposed for the convenience to forage.

The inhabitants in this quarter are exceedingly distressed by the ravages of both armies. The goodly land is laid desolate, their vineyards trodden down, fields laid waste, and their houses burnt with fire.

You have reason of thankfulness that the scenes of war are not among you, that your fields, houses, and vineyards are secure, and the morals of your youth free from the epidemic infection of unprincipled soldiery.

Please to direct to me in the "12. Massachts. regiment, Gen'l. Nixon's Brigade," as there can be no fix'd place to which your letters can with any certainty be directed under our present unstable situation.

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(Letter continued)

Tuesday morning,
Sept. 5, 1780.

W. Nason having protracted his departure to this moment, I just add that we remain here, have a very pleasant encampment, our troops in tolerable health and spirits.

I am, as before,

H. SEWALL, jr.

P. S. My best regards to Capt. Donnell when you see him.

Favor'd by Ensign Nason.

No. 12.

Totoway (State of New Jersey)
About 6 miles S. W. from Paramus.
Sunday, Oct'r. 15, 1780.

Respected Parents:

The suspensive expectation of Mr. Wescot's arrival with letters from you, added to a total privation of opportunity, has prevented my writing to you since the 3. ulto. Capt. Burbank of the 12. M. regt. having finally determined to pay the debt he has long owed himself and family by quitting, though reluctantly, a service which will no longer support his personal subsistence in the field, much less compensate him for the sacrifices he has made of time, health, ease, and dearest connections, will set off tomorrow for his domestic seat at Scarborough, and leave the service to such as can live on **Hope** and **Fair Promises.** By him I transmit this.

The army remained in their encampment near Hackensack, till the 20.

ult. when they moved back to their old ground at Orangetown. On the 7. inst. the whole, except four brigades, who were that day detached with Major-General Greene to West Point, to garrison that post, moved to Paramus (about 10 miles.) This was a very uncomfortable march; the baggage being before the troops, the horses very slow, and the roads rendered very bad by recent rain, greatly retarded our progress, and obliged us to advance with such lingering tediousness that we did not arrive on our encamping ground till near ten o'clock at night. The rain came on about eleven in the forenoon, and continued incessantly till about nine in the evening. During this complication of inclemencies we had not so much as a great coat to shelter us, and when we got to our evening destination our tents were not pitched, fires not kindled, nor wood prepared. However, we soon removed these uncomfortables, or at least mitigated them, and turned in. The succeeding day dawned upon us with smiling calmness, and the golden luminary soon decked the rosy morning with welcome effulgence, spread his balmy emanations over the damp faces of nature, and made ample amends for the tears of his late absence. Resting this day, which was Sunday, we moved again on the 9th to this place, where we are now encamped on the Psaick river, about 16 miles from Newark, and 24 or 5 from New York.

But how shall I begin to unfold, with what language shall I preface the heart-shuddering plot of deep-laid treachery which was lately most artfully meditated and brought to the very brink of perpetration by the exerable Arnold! I must refer you to the inclosed account, which I have been at some pains to collect for your satisfaction, and which I believe you may rely on as a just detail of the horrid scheme.

The base conduct of Arnold in this matter affords an incontestable demonstration of the sordid depravity of human nature. What horrid deeds of indescribable cruelty, wanton destruction, and treacherous perfidy may not the venal minds of men be bribed to commit for the lucral consideration of mercenary reward!

But while we are regretting the treason let us not forget the signal and timely deliverance. Surely, no other than the special hand of beneficent providence has interposed in our behalf. "If the Lord Himself," now may America say, "if the Lord Himself had not been on our side when men rose up against us, they had swallowed us up quick But blessed be his name, we are escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken and we are delivered."

Just after I wrote you last from near Hackensack, Brig. General Poor, after a fortnight's illness of an intermitting fever, died much regretted, and was interred with great solemnity on the 10. Sept.

You have doubtless heard more of the particulars of the action at the southward than I am able to give you. Of the death of the brave Gen'l. deKalb, flight of the militia under the command of Gen'l Gates, &c. &. It is lately reported that Gen'l. Gates is recalled by Congress to answer for his conduct in that action.

The scheme of reducing the regiments is again revived, and Congress have actually resolved to reduce our FIFTEEN to TEN.

We have near about given over the idea of taking New York this campaign. And 'tis further said, that the mighty parade of a second division of French fleet and troops, was given out merely to deceive and confound the British in their plans of operation by sea.

The last movement of the army, in which four brigades were sent to West Point, seems to indicate a disposition for winter quarters. Where our particular destination will be is, as yet, very uncertain, though the probability seems to predominate in favor of Jersey.

We have received no wages since the commencement of the present year, **nine months,** and going on the tenth in arrears! Nor have we any favorable prospect of receiving any very soon. This is very discouraging to service, and has already caused many resignations, and in many instances, not only inclined officers to this measure, but at the same time hindered them from doing it by the impassable bar of poverty.

In the article of cloathing we are amazingly neglected, no supplies sent us, nor any prospect to expect any very soon.

We now put our last weak refuge in the approaching prospect of a new establishment of the army, which 'tis thought will, at least, be respectable; considering at the same time that the civil constitutions of the Several States (the crudeness of which has been one principal cause of many of our delinquent sufferings) will in the course of this winter be established, consequently the resources regulated, the army supplied with greater competency, and on a more eligible plan than, to our sad experience, has heretofore been done.

The list of General officers has, during this campaign by one casualty and another, been greatly curtailed. M. Gen'l. Arnold turn'd traitor, and join'd the enemy; M. Gen'l. deKalb kill'd in action; B. Gen'l. Poor died a natural death; B. Gen'ls. Maxwell and Nixon resign'd, and the Captains and Subalterns in our line have been diminished in as great proportion by frequent resignations.

As I mounted a guard, the beginning of this month, in the course of my duty, accidentally met with Daniel Bridges, who was a soldier on the guard under my command during that tour. He is a soldier for the war in the 2. N. Hampshire (Colo. Scammel's) regiment, late of Poor's brigade, now stationed at West Point. I made myself known to him, inquired if he had heard from his parents since he had been in the service, he told me he had not.

I have reason to fear you will construe my long absence into a want of proper filial affection. But you may be assured that the principal and almost only motive of coming home, if ever I should meet with that indulgence, will be to gratify the longing desires of my fond parents, and to comfort their advanced years with the presence of one of their tender offspring.

I have been rather lengthy, but hope the perusal will not be tedious; as the prolixity has proceeded from my ardent desire to contribute at least to your amusement. I am still in hopes to receive matter for another epistle by Mr. Westcot, which will not be curtailed on account of my present extension.

And now, permit me to take my leave till opportunity may indulge me with another intercourse, accept my most ardent wishes for your every felicity, and believe me to be, with unfeigned sincerity,

Yours, in the bonds of filial affection,

H. SEWALL.

No. 13.

Camp Totoway, (Bergen County)
Oct'r. 23. 1780.

Honored Parents:

I have now occasion, which I cheerfully embrace, to thank you ardently for your affectionate favor of the 14. Sept. by Mr. Westcot, which came to hand the 19. inst. As I have heretofore acknowledged the receipt of yours by post of the 26. July, it will be needless here.

I fear No. 6 has finally miscarried. On recollection I remember to have sent it by one Hunniford of Arrundel, who was discharged from the regiment about that time; and who, I have since heard, shipped for sea at Boston, soon after his arrival there. The letter itself was of no consequence, though I should rather its contents had not met with such a fate. However, to make the chain of my letters complete, I have copied both it and the contents, which will accompany this. The subject of the letter will now appear very insipid, and to read it with any degree of relish, you will be obliged to retire back to the season when it was wrote. You will please to observe my particular request therein respecting its contents.

I have seen Rob't. Houghes, and acquainted him with his mother's reqquisition agreeable to your desire. I saw his wife, who appears to be a neat, wholesome woman, and, so far as I have been able to penetrate, her character appears to bear examination. He has no children. This letter will be transmitted in this vehicle.

With respect to coming home. I should rather have declined the subject at present, had you not pleased to introduce it in your letter. Where our winter quarters will be; when the service will admit of our retiring to them; what casualties may occur in the interim; the powerful impediments which at present stand between me and the purchase of a horse, with the furniture necessary to make any kind of decent figure on a journey, added to the apparent necessity of procuring a hat and suit of clothes, are obstacles too great, almost, for my present prospect to surmount.

Major General Heath is arrived and taken the command at West Point, and Major General Greene is ordered to the southward to command that department.

Mr. Westcot has procur'd my two lost deprc. notes and brought them on; that which is payable in '82 is drawn for L2281.7/6, and the other payable in '84, L2280. They will be of no use to me here, as I cannot change them. I have therefore, sent them back by Mr. Westcot, who will deliver them to Mr. Parsons, of whom you will please receive them. As I presume you cannot exchange them to any advantage, it will be best to keep them till the limited times of their respective payment.

By this time (permit me to imagine) you begin to see with grateful pleasure the stores of a fruitful year gathered in, to supply the approaching demands of a rigid winter. Happy is your situation while war invades our country, that the necessities of a neighboring army does not divest you of what your industry has secured, as is very common among many distressed families in the country where I have sojourned.

Mr. Westcot will return again to camp sometime in December, when I would thank you to send by him a few pieces of light blue cloth, as I have none here to mend my homespun coat of that color. A pair of Woolen Gloves would be very acceptable.

Please to make my respectful regards to Aunt Billings and acquaint her that her letter to her son can come inclosed in yours to me, to whom I shall with pleasure transmit them.

You need not wait for Mr. Westcot's return to write, as the conveyance by post is so frequent, only be particular as to the regiment and brigade, which is most essential to prevent miscarriage.

With the sincerest affection for my brothers and sisters respectively, and all my acquaintances in general, I am, my dear parents,

With every sentiment of filial respect,

Yours affectionately,

H. SEWALL,
12th Regiment,
1st Massachusetts Brigade.

*"All is the gift of industry, whatever
Exalts, embellishes, and renders life
Delightful. Pensive winter, chear'd by him,
Sits at the social fire, and happy hears
Th' excluded tempest idly rave along;
His harden'd fingers deck the gaudy spring;
Without him summer were an arid waste;
Nor to the autumnal months could thus transmit
These full, mature, immeasureable stores.—
Thomson.

(Note on outside, after sealing) Since I sealed this I have thought of sending by Mr. Westcot for a hat, and have mention'd the matter to Lt. Parsons in my letter to him. I wrote you by Capt. Burbank 15 inst.

No. 14.

Camp Totoway,
October 29, 1780.
Sunday Ev'g.

Dear Parents:

John Barns of O. York, having obtain'd a discharge from the army, by reason of his inability for field duty, and being bound homeward in the morning, I take the liberty to write a line, although I have addressed you as lately as the 15. nd 23. inst. Since which we have received the following intelligence from the southward. I shall give it to you as it was published in the general orders of the 27. inst. viz:

"The General has the pleasure to congratulate the army on an important advantage, lately obtained in N. Carolina over a corps of fourteen hundred men, British troops and new levies, commanded by Col. Ferguson. The militia of the neighboring country, under Cols. Williams, Shelby, and others, having assembled about three thousand men, detached sixteen hundred of their number on horseback to fall in with Ferugson's party on its march to Charlotte; they came up with them at a place call'd King's Mountain, advantageously posted, and gave them a total defeat; in which Col. Ferguson with a hundred and fifty of his men were killed, eight hundred made prisoners, and fifteen hundred stands of arms taken. On our part the loss was inconsiderable; we have only to regret that the brave Colo. Williams was mortally wounded. These advantages will, in all probability, have a very happy influence on the successive operations in that quarter. It is a proof of the spirit and resources of the country."

In the orders of this day the following resolve of Congress was published, viz:

"The honorable, the Congress have been pleased by their act of the 23. inst. to promote Brigadier General Parsons to the rank of Major General in the continental army."

Smith's trial is completed, but the sentence is not yet promulgated.

In my letter of the 25. inst. to Br. Parsons, and on the back of No. 13 to you, I mention'd something respecting a hat. I would now reinforce the subject, and request you, if possible, to procure one and send it by Mr. Westcot when he comes again, as I am in great want of this article.

We have, also, accounts of some late incursions of the enemy in the northern quarters which finally terminated in our favor, viz:

That Colo. Brown with a party of 250 men was sent to attack a body of the enemy (near Mohawk river), which proved to be about 800, in which action Colo. Brown and 38 of his party were killed, and the rest forced to retire. On being reinforced they renewed the attack the same day, drove the enemy, and recovered three field pieces, and the principal part of their baggage.

This comes pretty direct, but is not so well authenticated as that from the southward.

I am, in great haste,
Yours with dutiful affection,
H. SEWALL, jr.

Favor'd by Mr. Barns.

No. 15.

West Point,
Dec. 21, 1780.

Honored Parents:

Since I wrote you by Jno. Barns, the 29. October, we have taken our respective posts of destination for Winter quarters. Our lot has fallen in the vicinity of West Point. The Army moved from Totoway for King's ferry, and the Pennsylvanians for Morristown; the former arrived at King's ferry the 30. November, where our baggage was ordered on board water-craft, and we to take the land route through the mountains for West Point, where we arrived the next day,—the wind being unfavorable for the arrival of our baggage, and the barracks insufficient for our reception, we lodged in the Woods near the Garrison till the 5. instant when our baggage and tents arrived. The barracks at this post not being competent for the accommodation of all the troops of our line, the matter was decided by the commanding officers of Brigades by lot; in which allotment the 2. & 4. Brigades drew the Barracks. After this there was one more privilege of drawing for the huts built by the New York line before their destination for Albany, which was determined by lot in favor of the 3. The 1st of course remained unprovided for, but we have, however, pitched our tents about one mile from the Garrison on the sunny side of the mountain, where we make ourselves tolerably comfortable.

The approaching dismission of the levies will soon make room for the remainder of our Brigade to go into Barracks.

The Jersey line, on our arrival here, marched for Norristown to join the Pennsylvanians.

The whole destination of the Army is as follows:

New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts,	hut in the Highlands east side of the river opposite West Point at West Point	New York, Albany and the frontiers.	
		New Jersey and Pennsylvania	Morristown.

His Excellency makes Headquarters at New Windsor where he has the company of his Lady.—General Heath commands the Garrison.

At the particular request of Major Oliver, Brigade Major and Inspector of the 1st Brigade, and by virtue of a special appointment in General Orders, November 9th, I have performed that duty since that time, in his necessary absence. He is to return on the first of January at which time I shall be released from the office. This duty is complicated, and on a march, perplexing; but these inconveniences are in a measure lessened by the allowance of a horse and furniture; these are at my command while I remain in the office, and I am furthermore in hopes to retain them for the purpose of coming home. I have surmounted two powerful impediments in procuring a coat & hat. One only now remains (If my plan respecting the horse succeeds) but which is more powerful than any of the former; I mean the want of MONEY!; for we have not yet received a farthing of pay for the present year! This will, after all my other preparations, prevent my putting my thing into execution.

Possibly there may be money in the Pay Office before the 10th. of January, which will be as soon as I can possibly be ready to set out. But I would not have you expect me, for I think the probability of my coming is no way favorable at present.

Thursday last, we accidentally discovered to be set apart for Thanksgiving. Our situation was far from being suitable to such an occasion. 'Tis true, we had ample reason of thanksgiving in some instances, but our tables were so far from being furnished with dainties that we lacked even the necessaries of Life.

Ye who know not by sad experience the oppressive cruelties of want in the distressing shapes of hunger, cold, or nakedness, think, O think of the sufferings of your distressed, yet patient troops; and while in the lap of ease, surrounded with every enjoyment, that your security depends the perseverance, and is purchased at the expense of your suffering Soldiery!

I have enclosed you a copy of the resolutions of Congress respecting the establishment of the army; in compliance with which five Colonels, six lieutenant Colonels and four Majors of our line are necessarily deranged, who will retire on half pay commencing the first of January next. There are not more than three or four supernumerary Captains in line; and my mediocrity of rank, secures me from retiring by right of choice as being the FIRST, or from necessity from being the last. And, who, that possesses the spirit of true patriotism, would wish to retire on the emoluments which nothing but a final completion of the war can render eligible, and while so many of his brethren must necessarily be detained in service to fill up the measure of those hardships of which he has only tasted?

The present unfinished state of the new arrangement prevents me from transmitting a list of the particular regiments in the Mass. line, with their number, and the names of the Colonels, &c, who commnd them on the new system; this must be the burden of some future letter.

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We have had a remarkable spell of warm foggy weather which has consumed what little snow there was, but the season begins now to resume its austerity and precludes the hasty approach of WINTER.

I must apologize for the disguised hand in which the foregoing appears. My official duties pressed me so hard at the time that, to get it ready in season, I was obliged to employ my Sergeant to copy it from the rough draught which was not fit for your perusal. I am

With undisguised affection,
Your dutiful son,
H. SEWALL, jr.

P. S. Inclosed is also an account of Major Talmage's Expedition with the resolution of Congress thereon.

No. 16.

West Point,
December 30, 1780.
In the evening.

I was happy, my honored parents, in the receipt of your affectionate favor of the 23. ulto. pregnant with one for Robt. Hughes by Mr. Westcot. I had written No. 15, and dispatched it by Lt. Colo. Fernald before I received yours; which, I hope, will in some measure employ your amusement, fill up some of your vacant hours, and prevent them from being loaded with the disagreeable exercise of suspense, till the arrival of this.

The gloves and pieces of cloth arrived safe, and are a subject of my sincere and fervent thanks. The present frigid season has increased the value of the former and rendered them, if possible, the more accptable.

I have, by the kind interposition of providence, forelaid and remedied the disappointment of a hat from home, by the purchase of one here. And if I can, by any means, leap the ditch, surmount the parapet, or storm the walls which all-powerful poverty has cast up in my way, I may possibly reach you in the course of the winter. This will require a full battalion of perseverance, and a strong phalanx of resolution, and I shall be happy to possess and employ them on such an expedition, to which I am prompted by duty, inclination, and every sentiment of propriety.

Brother Daniel has entered the holy bonds of wedlock. I am feeling happy that he has arrived at that scene of purest earthly bliss, without passing through the thorny route of hapless disappointment, which so often leads, or rather misleads to it.

"Keen are the pangs
Of hapless love, and passion unapprov'd;
But where consenting wishes meet, and vows
Reciprocally breath'd, confirm the tie,
Joy rolls on joy, an inexhausted stream!
And virtue crowns the sacred scene with peace!

Brother Jotham was gone to Biddeford a month before yours was wrote, and yet the superscription appears to me to be his hand writing. If I could reconcile these two circumstances favorably, I should be the readier to excuse his epistolary delinquency.

The coat cloth you mention, if to spare, will I doubt not, be very acceptable.

The new formation of regiments is just at hand, and will commence with the coming year, but I have not time here to transcribe how it is to be done. I can only inform you that those of the old 12th are to be compounded with the 1st and 2nd;—four Captains and three Subs to the former, and the remainder to the latter, in which I am included.

I rec'd a line from Br. Parsons, but Mr. Wsetcot's hurried departure has put it out of my power to answer it; as well as curtailed my plan respecting yours.

Your request respecting the turnip seed has not escaped my notice; I have engaged some, but want of time has also prevented its coming herewith.

Roger Plaisted will be discharged in a few days, by whom I will endeavor to make good some of these deficiencies.

Hurry and weak eyes are the sorry geniuses of my letter, and call loudly for a close. I am, therefore,

With filial esteem,

Your mo: obedient Son and Servant,

H. SEWALL.

P. S. Friend Hamilton's manoeuvre is remarkably curious. But where and with whom can this alliance be formed?

APPENDIX II

A Series of Letters
written by
General Henry Sewall
from his home at Augusta, Maine,
to his son, William,
keeper of the foregoing Diary
1818-1843

Augusta, Maine
July 25, '18

My dear Son:

Your two letters from Boston, as well as those three you wrote Susan, have all been received. I am glad you have found employment, although it be not very lucrative; but you must practice the more economy. The change you have made in the terms of board is rather favorable; but I could have wished that you had found a private religious family, if practicable. I fear you will not be disposed to reflect and consider your spiritual interest so much as you ought—knowing by your experience the propensities of the natural heart to forget God, to neglect duty, and put far away the evil days. With respect to the observance of the Sabbath; I should think you had already paid a sufficient tax to a vain curiosity. Read Prov. 19:27 and give your stated attendance either at the Old South or Park Street meetings, and neglect not your bible in the intervals or worship. Remember that you are a sinner, and that a radical change of disposition is absolutely necessary to salvation. This all important truth must not be forgotten. On the other leaf I have written a letter to John W. Davis, Esq. Clerk of the District Court of Massachusetts, and wish you to separate it from this, fold and seal it and hand it to him as soon as convenient, and if necessary explain to him the object of it relative to the tax lists. When he writes, you may offer your services to take and forward the letter. Pay him for the blanks. I have had another application for a copy of the trial of Capt. Kelesa, from Miss Holmes and Bass of Boston; their letter is dated the 10th inst. The copies are done and wait only the certificate of Judge Parris that I am clerk, to annex to them which I expect every day (having written sometime since for it) and as soon as I receive this document if no private conveyance offers shall send them by mail. My fees will be about 16 dollars, which I may direct them to pay to you in trust for me, unless I find a better way of getting the money remitted. This information, if in your way, and you can readily find the Gentlemen above named, you may communicate.

The accounts which you have seen of the late thunderstorm and tornadoe at Waterville and vicinity are as particular and correct as anything I can give.

Nothing of the effects were known here except clouds and thunder in the Northern hemisphere.

The family and all your acquaintances here are well. Mr. Greely is still with us. Your cousin Narcissa has been here and so has your aunt Eliza Crosby, who is still at her daughter's in Bath, and will probably remain there 'till September.

From your affectionate parent,
H. Sewall.

Augusta, Feby. 3, 1820.

My dear son William:

Previous to the receipt of your very interesting and affecting letter of the 21ult. from Elkton, I had begun to feel somewhat anxious for your welfare, as I had received no intelligence later than that contained in Mr. H. D. Sewall's friendly letter of the 4th of Jany, which gave us the first information of the disaster which had befallen you. Soon afterwards, however, I saw the account of the wreck of the Alonzo, in more newspapers than one, with the names of the passengers. The account of your severe sufferings, imminent exposure, providential preservation and gracious deliverance could not fail to excite in the breast of a parent a train of peculiar emotions not to be described. Truly it was a "great deliverance" and you do well to inquire with seriousness "why you have been spared." For every new mercy bestowed increases the vast debt of obligation and enhances the guilt of withholding the heart from Him whose property it is. And it will be suitable for you to reflect frequently on the solemn scene the hairbreadth escape you have passed through, not merely as threatened with eternal death! For reason have you to conclude upon scriptural evidence that you had anything to expect but "blackness of darkness" had the "proud waters then overwhelmed your soul!" Ah my Son, this is the sting of death! But in this view of the case, how does the mercy of your deliverance accumulate, together with the value of the remaining period of your probationary state! And if by vows, made in the day of your distress, to devote your spared life to the service of your Deliverer, you have added to the vastness of your obligations, they are recorded on high, and will turn against you if broken. Consider your indissoluble obligations. Reflect on the sovereign goodness of God in prolonging your day of probation. Remember that the awful retributions of the judgment day will take their complexion from your conduct in this life. "Behold now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." Give up your fruitless contest with omnipitence. Submit yourself without delay or reserve to the anointed King of Zion, "while his wrath is kindled but a little." "Blessed are they who put their trust in him." He is still on the mercy seat proclaiming himself "a hiding place from the wind, a refuge from the storm and a covert from the tempest." And all who make trial of his almighty protection, "shall never be ashamed or confounded world without end." Consider what I say, and the Lord give you understanding in all things.

Nothing special has taken place in the family or neighborhood since you left us. Mary returned from Chesterville about the first of January. Susan came from Kennebec to Portland the last week, and will return home probably the next week. But the roads are at present very much blocked up with driving snows, so that the regular course of the mail has been obstructed during the week past. Cousin William B. lost his wife in December last.

We received a few days since the bag of coffee which you sent by Capt. West. Although this article was acceptable to us, yet I have regretted that you should have increased your embarrassments to procure it, especially in view of the extraordinary expenses which you must have incurred in struggling through the impediments providentially cast in your way to Washington, and here, the saving of your baggage comes into the catalogue of your mercies. For I had anitcipated the worst concerning it. I hope you will soon find employment to enable you to remunerate those friends, to whose benevolence you may be indebted for assistance—especially as my ability is not now commensurate with my disposition to help you.

Though it does not explicitly appear from your letter—yet I am led to conclude, from a comparison of the newspaper accounts, Mr. Sewall's letter from New York, and the general course of the wind, after failing to reach Blackrock harbour, that you must have been driven to Longisland, and not to the Connecticut shore. And that Smithtown, where you were relieved from your distress, is a village on that island from whence you reached New York. I was once into Blackrock harbour which I think is in Fairfield Connecticut. Your Uncle Jotham visited us last evening on his way to Bangor, to carry some supplies to his son Jotham and prosecuted his journey this morning. Cousin Timothy Crosbey with his sister Harriet and Evenezer with his sister Rachel have severally visited us this winter. All your Christian friends take a deep interest in the account of your sufferings and deliverance—and they unitedly hope and pray that the scene may be made profitable to your soul.

I forgot to mention, that Mr. Liba Pettingill has lost a daughter Thankful some time since and that another of his daughters is supposed to be in a decline. Mr. Thiving and the wife of Mr. Doyen are also dangerously sick. Otherwise it appears to be a time of general health among us.

Love from the family and all your acquaintances. With the most tender solicitude for your temporal and spiritual welfare, I remain your affectionate father.

H. Sewall.

Augusta, Maine.
July 31, 1820.

My dear Son:

Your welcome letter of the 31 May was duly received & ought, you will think to have been answered before. The fact is—I have been busily engaged for about two months in attending to the redemption of the third and last list of sales of lands for direct taxes— & in making the return of the unredeemed property & the accounts of the redemption-money for the purchases. Happily, the business is now nearly closed—And as I knew that Chandler Nose and others had written you and acquainted you with our welfare, as well as the general state of things in this quarter, I have been the more reconciled to the delay which a conveyance by Mr. R. C. Nose would occasion. I now embrace it.

You have doubtless seen by the Hallowell Gazette, which I understand has been sent you, the organization in some degree of our new State. Things have gone on as harmoniously as could have been expected. The Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, are Hon. Prentiss Mellen, Nathan Weston, Jr., & Wm. P. Preble. The late Judge Ames of Bath (Speaker of the H. of Representatives) Attorney-General Ashur Ware, Esq. Secretary of State, etc. The Sheriff of the County of York, & of the County of Washington, only, are yet superseded by new appointments. New Judges of Probate are appointed also in Cumberland, Washington & Penobscot, Oxford Counties; and Register of and in York, Hancock and Washington.

Entire new sets of Justices of the Sessions are also appointed in all the counties, in this County, they are Charles Hayden, Arial Mann and James Cochran, Esqr, which I give you, as a specimen of the complexion of the rest. No change has yet been made in the shape of the Divisions, Brigades or Regiments of the militia. Three vacancies of M. Gen. have been filled by the Legislature. That produced in the Militia by the election of Gen. King to be Governor, by Gen. Denny McCobb, that in the Oxford Division, occasioned by the resignation of M. Gen. Hubbard, has been filled by the election of a Mr. Ripley, brother to B. Gen. Ripley & that in the 8 made by my resignation the 2 June last, has also been filled by the promotion of B. Gen. Wellington. Who will succeed Gen. Wellington in the command of the Brigade, I am not informed, and shall take no interest. Whether B. Gen. Gould will remain under Wellington, is altogether problematical. I have only to say, as was said in reference to a member of the late Brunswick Convention—"I am happy that I am not under their jurisdiction." Three Major Generals of the old stock remain, viz: Frost, of York County, Fessender of Cumberland and Herrick of Hancock Penobscot & Washington. Colo. Sam Cony of this town, is appointed Adjutant General, with a salary of $700.00 and has commenced the duties of his office, some time since, at Portland; to this office is attached for the present the office of O. M. General. A new set of officers called the Dedimus, for qualifying civil officers, has been made in each of the counties, for Kennebec, four in this town and four in Hallowel. The Governor in his abundant munificence has been pleased to bestow on me unsolicited, a commission of this kind! Besides granting me under his own signature an HONORABLE DISCHARGE from the Militia!

The season with us is promising. Except two or three weeks dry weather in the month of June. We have had a remarkable supply of alternate showers and heat. On the 21 of June (our longest day) the thermometer rose to 98, some say 100. The Indian corn never appeared better. Wheat may have suffered some by the above mentioned drought, in some places. Hay is remarkable good, especially where it was cut early, as the season was then favorable for curing it. Mine was all harvested the last week in June, without any rain, & in excellent order. Indeed the season appears to a fortnight earlier than usual. It has also been a remarkably healthy season. From the commencement of the year to the 20 inst. When Jas. Asa Williams deceased, a period of more than six months, only three persons have died in this town. The other two were Mr. Nathan Thiving and a son of Mr. George Read. Except one or two who died abroad—say Wm. Burton at New Orleand, etc. We have experienced several severe thunder storms; and while we have been preserved, sevral prsons in other places in the neighboring region, have fallen victims to its fiery bolts—one by the name of Call in Dresden and another in the County of Somerset, besides the consumption of several barns of hay, etc. On the 21 inst. two trees, viz. the Northermost in our old garden, and the Southermost in that of Mr. Belden on the line of the road were both struck and shivered to pieces with lightning. Mr. Belden's house and family were providentially preserved. The religious attention has continued in Hallowell although it is to be feared it is now abating. Some previous faults however remain, to the praise of the glory of divine grace. Upwards of a dozen have already been received into Mr. Gillett's church; and about 20 more stand propounded for admission on the next Sabbath. Besides those (perhaps many more) who have joined the Methodists and Baptists. By the way—Mr. Morse has preached his farewell sermon—and taken his departure from Hallowell, for want of support. His family, it is said, would have suffered during the last winter, but for the liberality of Mr. Gillet's people.

Our hopes of a general attention here have not been realized; although there have been several hopeful instances of individual conversion, for which we would "thank God and take courage."

The general prevalence of health above mentioned, begins to be interupted by an epidemic dysentery which has made its appearance among young children. The youngest of Judge Weston's, an infant under years, was entombed yesterday; and a child of Ephriam Dulton's now lies dead—besides several others who are sick of the same disorder, and the weather continues intensely warm.

Your Uncle Jotham, it seems, by the advice of the neighboring clergy, is to be installed on the 9 of August, over the church at Chesterville, but still to be indulged the privilege of acting as a missionary part of the time, as may be convenient or necessary. I think it altogether probable, that I may go on the occasion, with Mr. Gillet. The churches of Hallowell, Augusta, Winthrop, Norridgewock, and Bloomfield are sent to for this assistance. President Brown, it seems has been barely able to return to college from the Southward, where he has been for several months for his health, but wtihout the least prospect of recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thurston are now on a visit to take their last look at him! President Allen, who has providentially succeeded to the late President Appleton, at Brunswick College, has some time since arrived and taken upon himself the duties of that office. Mr. Robert Williams Jr., who settled in Baltimore, has been here on a visit. He has returned and taken with him, Sam & William's wife, and Mrs. Wood's eldest daughter, Catherine, to pass the summer in Baltimore. I saw Mr. R. Williams; he inquired where you were and observed that he should be very glad to see you, should you make an excursion to Baltimore. He lived about 5 miles from the city.

Your sister Dutch, I understand has received your letter of the 1 inst. She with her partner and children are all in good health, as are all the rest of us—through divine goodness—and desire and kind remembrance.

Wishing you all the prosperity in your temporal concerns, which may conduce to your best and eternal happiness—I remain with much feeling,

Your affectionate parent,

H. Sewall.

You must not forget that without religion you can never be happy.

Augusta, Maine.
Jany. 31, 1821

My dear Son:

Your letter at Washington the 1st inst. has been gratefully received. The long interval between this and your precious favour of the 22, October, has excited some apprehensions respecting your health, which are now happily removed.

With regard to the President's "splendid levee" (which seems to be the burden of your letter) and the attentions shown you by our friends in bringing you into contact with such great personages and things—is full as much as a rustic "native of Kennebec" had any right to expect, perhaps more.

And although I have not seen the splendid levee of the President of the United States at Washington—yet I have frequently attended the less splendid, but perhaps not less interesting levees of Gen. Washington. While Gen. Rochambeau's army was encamped with ours towards the close of the revolutionary war, in the State of New York on the North River, our place of assembling was not like the magnificent hall you describe at Washington, with its superb appendages—no parti-coloured .carpeting, the work of peaceful art, to sustain our weary feet—no scarlet curtained windows to transmit the softened rays of light—without chandeliers—without wine or cake—without music—without ladies! It was a temporary bower, erected for the purpose, sufficiently dense overhead to shield from the heat of the sun but not from the rain—supported by rows of pillars artificially clothed with verdure, from whose open arches we received the pure light of heaven—and its area sufficiently capacious to contain the mixed assemblage of visitors composing the levee, was perfectly covered with a carpet of native green. Now if I may be allowed to compare small things with great—military with civil—a past with present—perhaps I might think I had witnessed a specimen, at least, of that "confusion" which you describe—occasioned by greeting, crowding, squeezing, and jostling and particularly when the French officers advanced, whom no obstacle could prevent from bowing and scraping with homage and respect to the illustrious Washington, who stood at one end of the bower, to be seen, greeted and respected—the pride of the auxiliary, as well as of the American forces. But perhaps I have dwelt more than enough on scenes whose principal importance is derived from splendor and parade, and which dazzle the eye more than they instruct or improve the mind. Permit me therefore, by way of analogy, to moralize a little, before I dismiss the subject. To be conducted by the leadings of the divine Spirit to the presence chamber of Prince Emmanual, who sits in his mercy seat as King upon the holy hill of Zion—beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, on the sides of the North—to have that same gracious Conductor take of the things of Emmanuel and show them unto us—to be introduced to the society of an innumerable Company of angels, to the general assembly of the firstborn which are written in heaven to the spirits of just men made perfect (for all the redeemed in heaven and earth compose but one communion) to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant to the blood of sprinkling which speaketh better things than the blood of Abel. This my dear Son, far outshine and eclipse all the splendor of earthly Courts—when weighed in the balances of the Sanctuary and contrasted with spiritual things, they are lighter than vanity—a mere puff of empty air!

With regard to the season—we have had a remarkable winter, thus far. From about the first of December, the weather has been unremittingly cold. Not extreme however, if we except the 27 of Dec. and 25th inst. when the mercury was 24° below zero. The snow has fallen in such small quantities, that the travelling has not been interrupted a single day and the whole quantity now on the ground does not exceed 18 inches on a level.

The harbours of Boston and Portland are frozen to a considerable distance and the Kennebec, at Bath ferry, has been passable on the ice with sleighs and teams nearly a month. This effect of the cold weather has been occasioned more from the calmness of the waters and the continuance of the cold, than from its intenseness. The weather now begins to relax.

It has been and still is a time of general health among us. Two deaths only have taken place here within the present year; old Mr. Ballard who deceased on the 7 inst. aged 96 and Miss Betsey Pettingill (dau. of Mr. L.) the last evening. This is a distressed family; Sarah, the other daughter, lies in the last stage of a consumption, in the same room where her sister died. I have great reason to be thankful for the continuance of my own health. But my prospects of temporal support are obscured by the occasion of the pension which I had hoped to enjoy during the wane of life. What will be provided by divine Providence I know not, but I ought to place implicit faith in the promises—"Bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure."

Susan writes by this conveyance to a member of Congress and will probably state to you such as I have omitted.

From your very affectionate parent.

H. Sewall.

[Letter from Henry Sewall to his son William, dated Apr. 2, 1821, giving advice on marriage and current prices.]

Augusta, (Maine) Apr. 2nd, 1821.

My dear William—

Your acceptable letter of the 20 ult. was received on the eighth day after date.

It contains information of an important nature and solicits my advice in a transaction which it seems you have deliberately settled in your own mind. This important decision, I hope, has been formed as you state, with suitable caution and reflection—and as to the **object** of your affections, I am indebted entirely to your information and description, for ingredients to compose her character. Taking all this for granted—I might perhaps say, with a rustic clergyman in another case—"She is good enough for you." Although this contemplated event is to me unexpected, yet I can not find it in my heart on a consideration of all the circumstances within my knowledge to disapprove. The parties being of age and competent to forming the marriage contract, and having pledged their hearts how can I object to the formal pledge of their hands? And being themselves the persons immediately concerned they doubtless ought to be the most competent judges in the case. True marriage is a **divine institution,** and is admirably calculated to ameliorate the evils incident to human life. "Marriage is honorable in all; but" (I forbear the concluding antithesis). It is moreover, the **corner stone** of society; without which anarchy and confusion would reign and fill the earth—And I sincerely wish and pray that the contemplated union may be formed in the fear of God with hearts mutually and unitedly engaged in his service, and that the sacrifice of daily devotion may not fail to ascend from the family altar. And my dear son, you must have religion, it will be more important in a family state than ever. Oh tremble at the denunciation—"Pour out thy fury on the families which call not upon thy name." And remember that it is the "tabernacle of the upright" which has the promise of a divine blessing, wherever "the bounds of your habitation may be appointed" in the course of divine Providence. And with respect to the place of your settlement, so far as my feelings or agency are concerned, I should certainly prefer your return to AUGUSTA, if it would be compatible with your interest and inclination, and that of your companion. And in saying this, I am confident I express the feelings of all the family and friends, although the subject of your letter is known by none except your **mother** and **myself.** In the first place—I shall soon need the personal assistance of some of my descendants, if my life should be spared but a few years longer. And it is desirable that the little estate which I now possess should be preserved in the family, and not go to strangers; as there is some reason to apprehend might be the case, should you not return. And whatever pecuniary privileges you might relinquish at the south by the change, might you not hope to receive more than an equivalent in the precious **means of grace,** with which this place and the neighboring villages are now so distinguishingly favored? According to your suggestion, I should wish you to have the farm which has been but poorly occupied by Charles, if he could be provided for elsewhere—say Chesterville, where a small farm would be sufficient for him to manage. The farm first mentioned, contains between 40 and 50 acres of arable land, adjoining the east side, Kennebec river, with a good barn thereon. Some of the fences are not in the best state of repair, but by building a part new annually, might be put and kept in a state of repair with little expense. A farm house might be erected of rather larger dimensions than the one you refer to, for about 1000 dollars, perhaps. A yoke of oxen I should judge, might be purchased for about 50 dollars; and a cow under 20 dollars. But the prices of these articles vary with the seasons of the year: Wheat 1 dollar, Rye 75 cents, corn 58 cents, Oats 30 cents, per bushel. Good Hay is now 10 dollars a ton, but has been purchased during the winter for 8 and 7 dollars. A good laboring man might be procured for about 80 dollars a year. Potatoes, (which I forgot) 25 cents. The wood lot on the east side of the river, I should consider as an appendage of the farm above described—Thus I believe I have answered most of your inquiries, as well as I am able, and after consulting a carpenter and trader since I began my letter, I find none of the above rates or estimates to vary materially; you may therefore consider them as pretty correct. Beef and Pork have been sold at 5 and 6 dollars cwt. during the winter, and plenty.

With respect to the season. The months of December and January were remarkably cold, and afforded much good travelling. The month of March was mild until the 18 (two days sooner than you mention) when we experienced an extreme change. On the morning of the 20 the mercury in the thermometer fell 3o below zero. Since that time the weather has been mild; and the snow is mostly gone in the open lane. The ice in the river, however is yet firm, and passable with teams from Pittston to Waterville; but will probably be unsafe in another week, if the present warm weather continues.

Although no epidemic sickness has been experienced in this town, the bills of mortality for the present year have been unusually large. The following is copied from the Town Clerk's record.

Ephraim Ballard, died Jan. 8, 1821. Aged 96 Of old age.

Betsey Pettingill, died Jan. 30, 1821. Aged 20 Consumption.

Frederick A. Lithgow, died Jan. 2, 1821. Aged 14 Abroad at New Orleans.

Daniel Ranlet, died March 3, 1821. Aged 42 Consumption.

Elijah Elms, died March 3, 1821. Aged 30 Fit of apoplexy. Went to bed a little past 10 in the even. and in one hour was dead.

Sarah Pettingill, died March 10, 1821. Aged 22 Consumption.

Seth Foster, died March 13, 1821. Aged 26 Poison administered by himself, and attempted to poison a brother and sister.

Henry A. Lambard, died March 27, 1821. Aged 14 Inflamation of the bowels, occasioned by attending the fire of a house belonging to Widow Heath, which was consumed on the night of the 17. ult.

And now my son, I hope and pray you may be directed in the adoption of such a course of conduct respecting your settlement, and the care of your dependent relatives, as shall meet the divine approbation, and promote your highest interest. My faith in the divine promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," is steadfast. I want but little here below, nor "shall I want that little long." "Having food and raiment I ought to be therewith content; for I brought nothing into this world, and it is certain I can carry nothing out." But in our Father's house are many mansions—and the inhabitants thereof shall never say, I am sick—"they shall hunger no more neither thirst any more, nor shall the sun light on them, nor any heat—they shall be clothed in white raiment—the Lamb in the midst of the throne shall find them, and shall lead them unto living waters—and wipe all tears from their eyes." With such a glorious inheritance in reversion, what occasion has the true believer to be anxious respecting this mortal body," what it shall eat, what it shall drink, or what it shall put on? For his heavenly Father knoweth he has need of these things."

Your aunt Rebecca returned home in March, just in time to embrace the good sleighing, and to witness the marriage of Melinda C. to Rev. Mr. Mitchell of Waldoborough, who lost his wife about a year since. Your Uncle Jotham has recently returned from a mission eastward, of about two months, in which, I understand, he was within the British dominions, at St. Andrews—Family and friends in usual health. Susan is preparing to take a school in Mr. Ballard's neighborhood N. part of the town. So that our family will be small this summer.

Commending you and your intended partner to the protection and mercy of the Great Keeper of Israel, I remain your affectionate parent,

H. Sewall.

Augusta, Me. Jan. 13, 1826.

My dear Son,

Your welcome letter of the 8. of August last, ought to have received earlier attention, by which I was made both sorry and glad—sorry for the severe sickness with which you had been visited, and glad to hear of your recovery. All our afflictions are administered by a compassionate Father, and are always mixed with mercy; and there is doubtless a "need be" for all that we are called to endure.

Your plan of removing 800 miles farther south, as developed in your letter, was certainly an unexpected event to us. Until I saw this, I had not abandoned the hope, that I might see your face on the shores of time; but if we are so unspeakably happy as to meet in the heavenly country, to which we are professedly travelling, the separation will not be long. There, none of the holy "inhabitants shall say, I am sick"—for "sorrows and sighing shall flee away" forever. For myself, I must soon depart, and why should I regret it? I have seen, long since, the amount of human life—that all besides religion is "vanity and vexation of spirit." I have survived many of my compeers and associates and even juniors, in public and private life, and still continue a living monument of divine mercy. Judge North, Colo. Rob. Page, Sheriff Bridge, Gov. Brooks, Gen. Hull, Judge D. Sewall, and many others with whom you have been acquainted, have in the course of the year past, joined the great congregation of the dead. Various changes, both of a prosperous and adverse complexion, have taken place among and around us. Rev. Mr. Loomis of Bangor, died suddenly in his pulpit, about a year since, and a Mr. Pomroy, from Connecticut, has been settled in his stead. Mr. Bayley and his wife have left Newcastle, more than 2 years since, and gone to Vermont, his native place. And your cousin Jotham, having completed his course of education at Bangor Institution, was ordained over that church and people more than a year since. He is popular; and the town has built two meeting houses, both of which were dedicated in Nov. and Dec. last, and at which he is to officiate alternately. Mr. Chapman, from Mt. Vernon, who received the benefit of the same Institution, is likewise settled in the ministry at Bristol. He married Jotham's pious sister Mary; but such is the fleeting nature of all earthly comforts, he was deprived of her by a sudden death in Sept. last! Your uncle Timo. Crosby, also departed this mortal life, about the same time, but not without leaving behind him an evidence of hopeful conversion. Miss Ann Bond died of consumption in the course of last summer.

Mr. Thurston's Society in Winthrop have erected a new, neat and commodious Meetinghouse, near the factory village, which was dedicated in August last. It is ornamented with a bell and clock without, and a clock within. And what is better than all, religion appears to flourish in the town.

The village in Augusta has received considerable improvements in the course of the last season. A large brick Block has been built on the west side of the street north of the Augusta Bank, near the Bridge, 3 stories high, and comprehending 5 stores and shops—with two large wharves in front. The street on which I live, has been improved considerably. The house and lot formerly occupied by Esq. Hovey, has been purchased by a Mr. Jones, from Mass., wheeled round front to the street, and enlarged, and is by him occupied. The lot between Mr. Potter's and Mr. Child's, has been bought by Benja. Davis, who married Caroline North, on which he has built a good house, like those adjoining, and in which he now lives. And it is said, that our traders have generally increased their capitals in the course of the last year. Barth. Nason has purchased of Reuel Williams the Davis house on the hill, and moved into it, several months since. (By the way) John Davis drew a lottery prize last summer of $10,000 dollars, with which he has made some purchases, cut some capers—and about spent the residue. Several decent houses have been built the year past on lots sold by and adjoining Colo. Fuller, near the Meetinghouse.—But with all these temporal benefits, religion, so far from keeping pace with the growth of population and wealth, is too evidently on the decline among us. Not but that Mr. Tappan's good people are substantially the same, except that their graces are in a very languid state, and some of their habits unfriendly to spiritual health, while too negligent of those means which are calculated to promote their sanctification. And there is no "shaking among the dry bones." Those persons among us, who have always disrelished the doctrines of evangelical truth, emboldened and encouraged by the establishment of a Unitarian Society in Hallowell, have lately made an effort to get up a similar Society here; and a Mr. Jenks from Cambridge, was employed several weeks the last summer to preach to this class of people in the Courthouse. And Judge Cony has originated and preferred to the Legislature, a petition for the east side of the river to be constituted a distinct parish; which is intended to embrace the Society above mentioned. This coalition has so far united their exertions, as to agree to build a Church, the pews of the plan of which, they have already sold to a considerable amount, towards a fund for meeting the expense of the intended building. It is to be situated near Judge Cony's, and to be built of stone the next season, of one story with a small gallery at one end. The principal persons concerned in this plan are Judge Cony, Messrs. Pitt Dillingham, George Crosby, Saml. Cony, Eben Fuller, Edwd. Williams, Joshua Gage, Rob. C. Vose, etc. The inhabitants on either side of the river will not be restrained by the proposed parish lines, but will remain at perfect liberty to attend what place of worship they please. The effect of this division cannot exactly be foreseen; but if it should prove a drain to take off such of Mr. T.'s chh. as might be best spared, it would so far, be a benefit.

Revivals of religion have been experienced, during the last summer, in several portions of Maine. In S. Berwick, where Mr. Campbell, a Brunswick graduate who read divinity with Mr. Thurston, has been settled more than a year. In Belfast, under the ministrations of a Mr. Soule who has been settled a little longer time. Also at Machias, under the preaching of Mr. Jackson, a Bangor student, who has been settled in that place several years. This is a powerful work, and extends at this time into the adjacent towns. Your uncle Jotham is gone to the scene of divine operation, by special request, to aid in promoting the glorious work. Some hopeful appearances, are also reported to exist at Waldoborough—A goodly number of evangelical ministers have been settled in vacant places, in this region, and particularly in the county of York, within the period of two years past. An annual meeting and conference of the Congregational Chhs. in each of our counties, has also been gradually established throughout the State—and the last day of each of the two last years, has, by their recommendation, been observed as a day of fasting and prayer in each chh. for the revival of religion, and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. They also contribute at these annual Conferences for the relief of the feeble and destitute churches.

Of the peculiarities of the different sects of Christians, mentioned in your letter, I am not ignorant. The Methodists in this country, I believe, are all Arminians in doctrine, but in their prayers and much of their Christian experience and conduct, are evangelical and event Calvinistic. Their departure from us in doctrine was occasioned by their embracing that notion of **moral freedom,** which makes it consist in possessing a self determining power to **originate our own actions**—(a power which we think none but an Independent Being can possess—). And this notion makes them reject the doctrines of election and perseverance, as irreconcilable with it. While the Calvinists hold that **this freedom** consists in **doing as we please** in a state of dependence on God, who works in us both to will and to do; and is as reconcilable with his decrees of fore-ordination, as with his fore-knowledge; both of which make the event morally certain. But it has always been understood by consistent Calvinists, that the decree of an event necessarily includes the means which are employed to accomplish that event. This error of the M. is of the head and not of the heart; and it is charitably hoped that a great proportion of them are good people. Another error which prevails among them, is their walking more by sensible feeling than by faith in the promises, and this exposes their young converts to deception, and frequent falling away.—But it is more difficult to conceive how Episcopalians can be Arminians, while they hold the 39 Articles as the platform of their faith which articles embrace all the peculiarities of Calvinism in a high degree.

With respect to the other denomination which you mention, the difference between us and them is not material, so far as relates merely to **baptism;** that ordinance being equally valid, whether administered by immersion, affusion or sprinkling. Our Saviour's baptism, whatever it was and however administered, we think, could not be Christian baptism, or a model for our imitation. He had no sins to confess or to wash away, and he could not be baptised in his own name. He was a minister of the circumcision, Rom. 15.8; and **Christian baptism** was not instituted until after his resurrection, Matt. 28.19. It has been thought, that it was his public consecration, as Aaron was washed at the door of the tabernacle before he was invested with the pontificial garments, Exod. 40.12 and Lev. 8.6. The **mode** of christian baptism does not seem to be clearly determined by scripture; but if it occupies the place of circumcision, the **subjects** of it are more clearly revealed. If therefore, John's baptism was not christian baptism, and that ordinance was not instituted until after the resurrection of Christ, then we have but one instance on scripture record where the circumstances favour immersion, and that is the baptism of the eunuch by Philip, Acts 8.36, 38, 39. This however, is not stated to have been done at a river, but only at accessible water in the way as they travelled. Permit me to illustrate the improbability of immersion in this case, by the following incident. My neighbour, Esq. H. and myself were once travelling from Augusta to Hallowell on horseback, and our horses stopped at the Kennady brook to drink. Whereupon I asked my fellow traveller, what evidence we had from scripture, that the water where Philip baptized the Eunuch was any deeper than this shallow brook. He replied, it was so deep that they went down into it and came out of it. So, said I, have our horses gone down into this water, and will come up out of it when they have done drinking. But, rejoined he, it was so deep that he baptized him, and that was immersion. But, sir, added I in conclusion, this is the very point which remains to be proved; are you not begging the question? There could be no reply, and so the debate ceased. And others can judge who had the best side of the argument.——With respect to the **subjects** of this Christian ordinance, the instances of the baptism of households on the faith of the parent, as in the case of the **Jailer, of Lydia,** and of Stephanus, established the scriptural practice of infant baptism. And the proceedings of a Council of bishops soon after the apostles' days, recorded in Milner's Chh. History, on the question, whether infants might be baptised before they were 8 days old, being unanimously determined in the affirmative, proves both the practice of infant baptism, and that it was considered in the place of circumcision, at that early period of the Church.

I have been thus particular, in order that you may be furnished with arguments, if assailed, to defend the important doctrines in which you have been educated, so far as they can be supported by the unerring rule of Inspiration.

Susan has doubtless stated to you in her last letter, forwarded through Mr. Sprague, our present Rep. in Congress, from Hallowell, the state of the family and her present employment—with many other things which I have omitted.

My love to Eliza and to little Henry—In which I am joined by all the family.

"Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, thro' the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever. Amen."

From your affectionate father,

H. Sewall.

Augusta, Me., Nov. 10, 1826.

My dear Son William,

Your letter of the 30. Sept. has been duly & gratefully received. Your being prevented from removing to a greater distance, especially to the south, I consider providential, & would hope, not an unfavorable event. The bounds of our habitation are appointed by the great Proprietor of heaven and earth, as well as the number of our months, which we cannot pass.—The subject of slavery is full of importance, whether we consider its nature or its consequences; & seems to portend incalculable evils, especially in the region where it prevails. For if a diminution of the numbers of the coloured population is not soon effected, they may become so formidable as to endanger the tranquility of the whites. The plan of a gradual emancipation as * * * * Society appears to be the only safe & practicable one to produce the desirable change, & I have no doubt it will be attended with the divine blessing & eventual success. As to your course of duty in the case—it must be left to your serious and conscientious determination, in view of all circumstances, & I hope you will be divinely directed in this, as well as all other measures of questionable expediency.

On the subject of Sacred Music, which you mention as having some hand in promoting by instruction. I do not fully understand what you mean by the new method. Whether it is merely the adoption of the Italian syllables in the room of the English, & adapting them to every change of key, or, whether it is using those syllables in correspondence with the seven musical letters without changing them with the variation of the key by flats & sharps; that is to say, C is always **do**, D is always **re**, E is always **mi**, F is always **fa**, & so of the rest, let the key be what it may. This latter method was practiced by M. (or W.) Holland who taught music here in 1823. This method, however, I believe, is not generally received or practiced in this country, & it is liable to several objections, the principal of which is, that it gives no practical aid in designating or expressing the **semitones**. For although it teaches theoretically where they lay in every octave, viz. between the 3 & 4 and 7 & 8 ascending from the tonic, in the major key; and between the 2 & 3 and 5 & 6 in the minor key; yet as in the scheme the names by which these semitones are called in the scale are continually varying with every transposition of key, it is very difficult to make the learner understand the difference between the semitones & whole tones, & especially to express & modulate them correctly in practical singing. The other method differs from the old in which we have been taught, merely in the names of the seven notes, & it has the preference perhaps, in this respect, that it has a distinct name for every note, whereas the English have to repeat three of theirs to complete the seven. In the Italian scheme **Si** is the master note, answering exactly to our **Mi** & mi, fa, & Si, do are the names of the semitones; thus (Fa sol la fa sol la **Mi**).
(Do re mi fa sol la **Si**).

The Do re mi syllables I observe from a recent edition of the Boston Collection of Church Music, are recognized, & carried through all the transpositions of keys with those of the Fa sol la. But after the rudiments of music are sufficiently acquired, the most important part of practical psalmody is **expression**, and this consists not only in the selection of a suitable tune for the portion to be sung, but in the particular adaptation of the music to the subject of the sacred poetry, but so varying the movement quantity & tone of voice as justly to express the different thoughts, sentiments & passions. This, it is confessed, is an attainment of no small difficulty, and requires a considerable degree of judgment & taste, attention & practice. To assist singers extensively in this essential but neglected part of good psalmody, the late D. Worcester, has invented certain letters and symbols, set before every verse or line of the psalm or hymn, which requires variation from the common movement, indicating the requisite changes—& these, with an explanatory key, all very simple & easy, are published in Worcester's Watts Entire comprehending Watt's version of the psalms & hymns, & a supplement of Select Hymns, in three editions, **large, common** & **pocket**—at Boston—& they are obtaining extensive circulation & adoption. They are also sold by John P. Haven, City of N. York. But whether you have them with you or not, I am ignorant. Or what Music Books you use. After all the knowledge theoretical & practical of this delightful science which we can obtain in this imperfect state, to be acceptable to God, praise must be accompanied with corresponding feelings of heart. But of this essential requisite our Singing Choirs are too lamentably deficient. The predicted era, however, is advancing, when those who engage in celebrating the praises of "Zion the perfection of beauty," shall "sing with the spirit & with the understanding"—when "this & that man, as well the singers as the players on instruments, shall be born in her." Then shall "they present unto him who inhabits the praises of Israel, and offering in righteousness"—& "I will accept you, with your sweet savour, in my holy mountain, the height of Israel, saith the Lord."

With regard to the state of religion here—a declension among professors, similar to what you mention & deplore in your region is prevalent, & the enemy is vigilant. But the Lord Omnipotent reigneth, & he is prosecuting his own work in various places around us. We have great cause of thankfulness for the precious revivals within the present year in this State. Particularly at Norridgewock, Belfast, Prospect & Machias services commenced last spring, & are still in operation, & considerably powerful—about 50 are already considered the hopeful subjects of it. But the revival at Machias has been the most considerable, both in extent & numbers—upwards of 100 being reckoned upon, & by the last accounts, the work was still in progress. And we have recently heard of a religious attention at Hampden, but no particulars. Good ministers have been recently settled in Farmington, Newsharon, Strong, Madison, Solon, Jackson, Prospect, & chiefly furnished by the Bangor Institution.

Your sister Susan was married to Mr. Robert Gardner the 27. September, & has removed to Hallowell. The connection will no doubt be advantageous to her, although we lose her company. But to have her settled so near us is a mitigation of the loss. He is a gentleman of respectable character, & is generally considered as possessing piety, although he has not made a public profession of it.

The portraits* which you solicit, are taken from the frames & rolled, in preparation to be sent to the care of Dr. Sewall, by Mr. Sprague of Hallowell our representative to Congress, who is to set out next week for Washington & who will probably be the bearer of this. A note to Dr. Sewall will accompany the roll. We do this cheerfully—as they will be preserved & perpetuated as well by you, if worthy such attention, as by any of the children. It will help you to "see your parents' faces when they are dead & gone" for in a little time the originals will both sleep together in the dust till the morning of the resurrection. "Let us then who are the day be sober, putting on the breast plate of faith & love, & for a helmet the hope of salvation"—having "our conversation in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is able to change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself"—that "when Christ who is our life shall appear, we may also appear with him in glory."

With love to Eliza & the children, in which I represent all the rest of the family, I remain with deep affection, improved & strengthened by divine grace, your faithful

H. Sewall.

P. S. I have recently understood, that Mr. Abraham Davenport of Hallowell professes a small demand against you, for some money for 3 doz. Music Books furnished you by his son Calvin, late of Boston, deceased, in the year 1820. You can inform me in your next, whether that money has been paid, & whether you received the books.

This letter sent to:

Mr. William Sewall
Warrenton, Faugier County,**
State of
Virginia
Mr. Sprague

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*These were taken at about the age of 50. The survivor is now 74.
**The name of this county is Fauquier.

Hallowell, Maine.
October 30, 1832.

My dear William:—

Your acceptable letter of the 3 July reached us during the month. It was the only one I received for a long season and was therefore the more welcome. It found us under the recent heavy stroke of divine providence which removed your Mother from this vale of tears to her eternal rest. This bereavement took place on the 15 June. She was confined to her chamber several months, during which she was exercised with acute pains of the rheumatic kind, which she endured with Christian patience and submission; and was not insensible that it was her last sickness. As her outward man decayed her inward man acquired evident strength and her faith took hold of the exceeding great and precious promises. She gave frequent and appropriate warning and admonition to those of her acquaintance who visited her on her death-bed and made disposition of her wearing apparel and other arrangement, with as much composure as if she was going a journey. When asked if she wished for something to allay the dryness which she frequently experienced in her mouth and throat, she has replied, There is a thirst which none but Christ can quench. It being remarked to her on one occasion, that she looked pleasant and must be happy—she replied, I am happy, I long to see Jesus, to see him as he is. That desire has been accomplished—she is gone to inherit those promises which were her comfort in life and which sustained her in the hour of death. She died without a struggle or a groan between the hours of 8 and 9 in the morning, surrounded by several of her Christian friends who were witnesses of the peaceful serenity with which she breathed her last. May my last end be like hers! Her funeral was attended the day following, on returning from which, I realized the scriptural declaration, that the place which once knew her would know her no more! After keeping house in this lonely situation about 3 weeks, I concluded to pass a few months journeying and visiting my friends. My first excursion was to Winthrop, where I spent 8 or 10 days, with Mr. Stephen Sewall, (who married a daughter of your uncle Daniel's) very agreebly. He has taken the superintendency of the Factory there and made it the place of his residence for several years. My next town was to Chesterville where I passed about 10 days. After returning thence to Hallowell, where I lodged with Susan nearly a week and receiving an invitation to make a visit to Kennebunk, I commenced my journey thither by the way of Bath, to which place I passed in a steam boat, and thence by a stage through Portland to Kennebunk, where I arrived at your Uncle Daniel's the 17 August, and found the family well. Soon after my arrival, I learned that a protracted meeting was appointed to be holden the next week at the Union Church (orthodox) in this village. You must know, that here a new society has been established within 10 years, in distinction from the old society which had gradually become decidedly unitarian. This new society has erected a handsome place for public worship and settled a minister, and appear to be flourishing, although they compose but a minority of the town. And strange to tell, your uncle still adheres to the lod church congregation and strenuously to the unitarian theology! While all his daughters, 7 in number, have made a credible profession of orthodox piety, and jonied the new church—I of course attended the protracted meeting with much satisfaction, with my cousins; (5 of whom were at home) and even your uncle deigned to give his attendance on two of the four days of this convaction. The house was well filled especially the two last days, and 5 or 6 of the neighboring clergy gave additional interest to the occasion by their presence and services. The result I am not able to give you. It will be known at the great day. On Monday after the close of the meeting, I took my leave of Kennebunk friends in the stage, passed a day visiting my acquaintances in Portland, and I was two or three days at Bath, and reached Hallowell on 1 of September. After resting a few days, at Hallowell, I had opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the county conferences of Churches at Pittston. This was interesting and quickening; but it scarcely prepared me for the heavy affliction which so soon followed in our family. Samuel S. Dutch, about 17, was seized violently with the scarlet fever on Thursday morning, Sept. 20, took to his bed in the afternoon and grew worse notwithstanding medical aid, and died on Sabbath morning!! The pungency of this distressing providence is heightened by the consideration that he was the stay of the family! It affected us all with great sorrows of heart, and called for close examination, wherefore the Lord was thus contending with us? But it becomes us to bow in holy submission. He who does all things well has done it and he gives no account of his matters. The language of the dispensation speaks—"Be still, and know that I am God." We are all admonished by our frailty and constant liability to the stroke of death by this solemn scene and hope and pray that it may not prove to be in vain of any the surviving members of the family. Maria's death was the means of her mother's hopeful conversion. If this should prove as advantageous to the father it would be the occasion of everlasting good. We have recently been visited with frequent instances of mortality. Death has been making inroads upon us without regard to age, condition and character. Thos. Nason, wife of Barth N. dies of consumption about a week since, and Capt. Nathan Weston, 92, who survived his wife but a few months. 8 or 10 children have also been swept away by the scarlet fever and throat distemper, within about a month past, in Augusta. Preceptor Moody also—Mr. Richard Dummer, at Hallowell—With Mrs. Abm. Davenport and many others, which I cannot readily recollect. Religion is rather at ebb with us. The great subject of the presidential election seems to be the absorbing topic; and in its bearings on our civil and religious interests, is truly important. We are an ungrateful and sinful people, and have not rendered unto the Lord according to his benefit; and he may justly leave us to party strife, division, contention and anarchy. But I would fain hope, when we consider the recent increase of piety in our favored land and of the number of praying souls scattered throughout the U. S. that we shall not yet be abandoned to temporal ruin. We have been visited with visible tokens of the divine displeasure, and national calamities have corresponded in some degree to our national sins. Such I consider the late alarming visitation of the Asiatic Cholera—the insurrection of the blacks in the Southern States—the destruction of property and lives by uncommon freshets and inundations in almost all parts of our country—the multiplied instances of untimely and awful death by intemperance. But in all these and other calamities there has been a mixture of mercy showing their disciplinary import rather than that of implacable indignation. "His strokes are fewer than our crimes, and lighter than our guilt."—The Roman Catholicism in this country is alarming. But here too is cause of thankfulness, that while the enemy is coming in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord is lifting up a standard against him. Such I consider the extensive establishment of **sabbath schools.** "Although we live in an age of revivals and of benevolent enterprises we live also in age of abounding and increasing error, wickedness and temptation—of rebuke and blasphemy— of fierce and reckless contentions, and bold and shameless infidelity; all tending with a population outgrowing the means of spiritual improvement, to blast our hopes of continued prosperity." Upon this ocean of unsanctified and withering influence the rising generation are soon to be cast. And where shall we look for a counteracting influence—but to the vigilance and fidelity of the church, in training the young and especially our own children for the exigencies of the times?" Sabbath school instruction is an important aid in this momentous business, but it ought not to relax the efforts of parents at home or supersede their care and diligence and co-operation with this valuable establishment. And it is cheering to learn from the religious periodicals that within the last two years more than ten thousand of the youth of Illinois have been gathered into these useful seminaries!! Who can calculate the happy consequences! The theme is delightful for the contemplation of the Christian—the patriot.

I have mentioned the subject of the presidential election. Three candidates you perceive, are in nomination—Jackson, Clay and Wirt. I know not on which side you have arranged yourself. But we, the sober part of the community here, are sick of the administration of the present incumbent, and of that of his copyist, in our State administration. An attempt has been made at the last annual election in Sept. to change the governor of this State by setting up Goodenow against Smith, the present incumbent, which has not succeeded. Smith is re-elected by a small majority. And the electoral ticket of this state for president, it is probable, will be for Jackson. We deprecate the consequences, should be he re-elected. Some of the states it is thought will go for Wirt, the anti-Masonic candidate, and some for Clay; but whether there will be any choice by the electors, remains problematical at present—time however will soon develop the event. Clay is less exceptionable than Jackson, Wirt has dignity of character and is reputably pious. I shall consider it a most happy event if it should be so ordered that he should be chosen, but can scarcely allow myself to anticipate it. "Many devices are in the hearts of men, but the counsel of the Lord that shall stand the thoughts of his heart to all generations." Notwithstanding the present strife about elections in the secular department—"the time of the world's moral redemption is evidently at hand. The signs of the times seems plainly to indicate that the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, will at no very distant day be given to the saints. A conflict fierce and terrible may indeed first ensue; but the issue will be florious to all the redeemed." It becomes us who are waiting for the consolation of Israel, to gird up the loins of our minds, watch unto prayer and be sober. "The morn of a better day is about to break upon the church and he is saying to his people in a language which cannot be misunderstood, Arise and build."

With regard to myself—I passed my 80th yeear the last week, and still enjoy comfortable health—being able to walk to and from Hallowell and Augusta occasionally. But my remaining days must necessarily be few and I must not presume upon a long continuance in this vale of tears. Soon I must follow those of my acquaintance who have gone before me to inherit the promises. To be prepared is important. Nothing here appears to attract my stay so much as to see the glory of the church, when she shall put on her beautiful garments, and the nations do her homage.

Abby, Susan and Charles, with their families, send love—take mine in addition and present to your Eliza, and permit me to close this long epistle, with the best wishes for your temporal and eternal welfare—from your affectionate parent.

H. Sewall.

My regards to Presidt. Beecher.

P. S. I am now residing at this place with Susan; but whether I spend the winter here or at Augusta is uncertain.

[Letter addressed to Mr. Wm. Sewall, Beardstown, Efton Hills, Morgan County, Illinois State.]

Augusta, Dec. 12, 1834.

My dear Son William,

On looking over my journal, I find your last letter of March 10, 1834 still remains unanswered. The rapid flight of time has beguiled my memory of this neglect, and now I will try to make the only reparation in my power, by filling this sheet for your perusal. And in view of so broad a space, I find the events and incidents so numerous and complicated, that I am at a loss where to begin.—Your letter found us in good health and comfortable circumstances, and obtained a very welcome reception. We were comforted by your account of providential escape from the cholera—the healthful state of your family—your systematic progress in making a farm—but especially the prevalence in Jacksonville settlement and its environs (including the important establishment of an orthodox college) of evangelical religion—and that the rapid influx of inhabitants possess a character favorable to this all-important object.

In the course of the year past, numerous revivals of religion in various parts of our State have been graciously experienced; viz. in the towns of S. Berwick, Brunswick, Topsham, Bath, Belfast, Prospect, Castine, Hampden, Bangor and others—and at Newburyport in Mass. Our present Governor, Dunlap, who resides at Brunswick, became a hopeful subject of the revival at that place, and has made a public profession. He was before a Unitarian. At

Hampden, your uncle, Eben Crosby, cousin, John Crosby, and the husband of one of his sisters, Colo. Emery, who had been a leading member of the **universal** society there, are among the new converts—your uncle Eben is past 75; thus illustrating the question of Nicodemus, **that a man can be born when he is old.** All the children of Gen. C. are now hopefully pious, and all but two settled around him, and his present (second wife and her only daughter are added to the subjects of grace. The way is now prepared by this revival and a few emigrants from Kennebec for the settlement and maintenance of an orthodox minister at Hampden. Bangor, which is now an incorporated **city,** amid its rapid growth in population and wealth, is also increasing in evangelical religion. Rev. Mr. Pomroy's Church (late Mr. Loomis') has colonized a new church, which with a new congregation, have erected a new meeting house called Hammon St. Church, and settled a minister, Rev. Mr. Maltby. There are now in the city 5 houses for public worship, two Congregational, one Baptist, one Methodist, and one Unitarian, (all, except one, of brick) and one Congregational meeting house over the river at Brewer, in plain view connected by a handsome bridge. There is also a neat brick Courthouse and stone gaol (jail); besides a large brick building for the Theological institution, of 3 stories, which is in a thriving condition, under the direction of Professors Pond and Pond.—And in Augusta, when we look back no farther than the period when the Rev. Mr. Tappan was settled, 23 years, and notice the change in our religious prospects, we have much reason to "thank God and take Courage." Then a small dilapidated church, numbering only 12 males, and one of them hopefully pious,* without articles of faith, or power of discipline, now increased to the number of nearly 200, professing evangelical sentiments, with a sabbath school of scholars, and the appendage of a convenient vestry or conference-room, for the accommodation of occasional meetings of the church. Only four of those first mentioned twelve now survive, and they are removed from the actual fellowship of the present body by emigration, transfer, or excision. At Hallowell the increase has been as great, but no change of sentiment; that church being founded in orthodoxy. It consisted of but 12 members, 10 male and 2 female at the time the Rev. Mr. Gillett was settled, (August 1795). Two of these original members only continue, the monuments of God's sparing mercy—Deacon Gane and myself. I have never removed my relation from this church, although I have occasionally communded with Mr. Tappan's within the present year, since the removal of the most objectionable members. The Hallowell church received an accession of about 16 members in September last, the fruit of a protracted meeting in April previous, comprising a good portion of males, some of whom are blest with property and personal influence. It now numbers over two hundred, with Rev. Mr. Shepard, their faithful minister and a sabbath school in vigorous operation, with pious teachers. Your sister Susan is among them, and an active devoted Christian. And Mr. A. Alden, who has witnessed a good confession, is another.

Early in September your new mother and myself made an excursion to Penobscot in chaise. We made the journey to Hampden in about a day and a half and arrived at Bangor in season to attend the anniversary exhibition of the Theological Institution, and witness the performances of the graduates and others, which were held in the Hammond St. meeting house. Your cousin Daniel, Uncle Jotham's youngest son, was among them, and requitted himself well. He is pious and preparing himself for the ministry—having finished his collegiate course at Brunswick. Besides visiting our relatives and friends at Hampden and Bangor, we proceeded to Orona, 7 miles up the river, where Bancroft Williams has located himself and family, and in the neighborhood we found his aged parents, residing with Joseph W., their grandson. Several of our Augusta neighbors have removed to this thriving village, which has enabled them to settle an evangelical minister and build a neat convenient house of worship. We returned home in about three weeks, after an interview, comfortable journey, and much experience of the divine protection and blessing. From this brief account of my movements (to which I might add, the sawing and splitting of my firewood) you will be able to judge of the remarkable vigor of body and mind with which your father is favored in this advanced stage of life. Having passed 82 winters his head must necessarily be frosted, or the same number of summers might cause "the almond tree to flourish" but either of these figures of old age ought to admonish me of the approaching dissolution, "when the dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit unto God who gave it." Moreover this admonition is enforced by the numerous deaths of my compeers, associates, and juniors, which are almost daily occurring around me. The following are among those who have deceased since I last wrote you. Judge Bridge, Rev. Mr. Stone, Mr. Jas. Snow, Mr. Jas. Wade, Mrs. Judge Cony, Miss Ellen Emmons, etc. in this village, and at Hallowell, Mr. Jere. Drummer, Mrs. Benja. Vaughan, and others, and Hon. Joshua Cushman of Winslow. Your Aunt, Prisc. Sewall, a few weeks since while on a visit at her brother Judge Cony's, met with a distressing accident in falling from a chair, by which her right thigh was broken near the hip-joint, and she remains a cripple, though composed and designed to her destiny and is more free from pain than could be expected. Judge Cony has suffered the loss of his dwelling house, in June last it was consumed by fire, which caught in the stable, nobody has told how, in the fore part of the evening. The furniture was saved. He has since erected a brick house on the same spot, of large dimensions, which is now nearly finished. And about a month since the spacious and elegant mansion of R. H. Gardiner, was consumed in the day time, by a spark upon the roof—furniture, etc. saved.

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*There might be 3 or 4 female professors in the neighborhood, but Mr. Tappan found none borne on the church record.

Before close, I wish to say a word or two about **slavery.** When you removed from Va. to Illinois, as you inform me in one of your letters, you had the misfortune to lose your slaves in passing through the State of Indiana, a **non-slavery** state, and that it would cost you several hundred dollars to recover them, but I have not learned whether you succeeded in getting them, or whether the state of Illinois is more favorable to slavery than the adjacent neighboring states. But I infer from your remarks about hiring **white** men to assist you in the management of your farm, that you have no blacks. And I have no information of the manner in which you are rid of them. Dr. Sewall, when he was here in July last, mentioned that a colored woman who was a chamber maid to the wife of a member of Congress at Washington, during its last session, called on him for medical advice, told him she had been a slave in the family of Mr. William Sewall, and spoke of him and his family with much respect and affection. Further particulars as to the name of the colored woman or of the member of Congress in whose family she resided, were not mentined.—The subject of slavery and the mode of getting rid of so great a political and moral evil, has been and still is much agitated in the northern and eastern states. The advocates of **colonization** and immediate emancipation cannot agree to proceed together in any systematic plan of removing this foul blot from our boasted land of freedom. Although I am decidedly of the opinion that it is **morally wrong** to hold our fellow beings in bondage, whether they come into possession of masters by patrimony or actual, yet I am at a loss to decide on the best mode of delivering this unfortunate class of human beings from their present state of degredation and oppression, and indeed whether either of the plans of these conflicting associations is the best that might be devised. So that for the present I remain unconnected with either, awaiting the openings of providence to make the path of duty more plain.

Our winter has begun to put on his hoary vest. The day before yesterday about six inches of snow fell (the first we have had to lie) which makes very pretty sleighing here, but understand it does not reach to Brunswick, and the ice has closed in the river, but not sufficiently strong to pass.—I have sent your letter to Charles and am greatly entertained with your description of farming your immense cornfields—your long, unobstructed furrows—your tremendous six-oxen harrows, sweeping ten acres in a day—and planting the seed corn as it goes—throws us tiny farmers all completely into the background.

I had like to have forgotten the subject of **Temperance.** We have temperance Societies in a great number of our towns—we have County Temperance societies—and we have State Temperance Societies. Many of our churches have resolved themselves into temperance societies, in which the pledge is **total abstinence** from all kinds of intoxicating liquors, including wine, and in some instances even cider. And **total abstinence** is in several churches made one requisite in the admission of members. This course has effected considerable reformation among us, and yet much remains to be done. Pray what are you doing on this important subject? Are you making any efforts to destroy this deadly hydra?

Our friends and family connections (with the exception of Aunt Sewall) are all well. Susan passed the day with us yesterday, and in the evening was joined by her husband and brother Charles. All send their love. Henry S. Dutch has secured a good situation at Bangor, in the counting room of Norcross and Mason.—Our good neighbor, Mr. Tappan, is now recovered from a temporary illness which took him off his public labors a few Sabbaths. He is gaining influence in the town and wherever he is known. His eldest son, Benjamin, has graduated at Brunswick College, is hopefully pious, and gone to Bangor to prepare for the ministry.—Rev. Mr. Coggswell, Sec'y. to the American Ed. Soc. has been at Jacksonville.—I asked him a few days since when he preached for Mr. T. whether he saw my son William. He said no, but that he heard of such a person without knowing he was the son of

H. Sewall.

After perusing so long and interesting a letter from your father, it is hardly expected that any other correspondence can follow on the same train and anticipate a welcome reception, yet having a great aversion to sending any blank paper to so great a distance, I feel disposed to add a few words to the sheet, though its writer is waiting to carry it to the Post-Office.—Retaining a most vivid and pleasant recollection of you in years gone by, I would fondly renew the intercourse in the only way now practicable, by writing.—When thinking of you my mind naturally recalls you performing the kind office of my gallant home after passing some hours in dear Aunt Crosby's chamber, or when Miss Cony and myself has been attending a prayer meeting in your father's mansion and this aid you kindly afforded, while you professed NO fellowship in the services in which a goodly number of the disciples of Jesus has been engaged, blessed be God it is not thus with you at the present moment—yes we would bless and adore our Heavenly Benefactor, that through sovereign riches and merited grace, both yourself and beloved companion have been made partakers of "durable riches," and our united prayers daily ascend that your dear offspring at no far distant period, may be partakers of like precious faith—and while stationed by Providential alotment at so remote a distance from each other, and thus denied the enjoyment of Christian intercourse, let us be thankful that we are daily near each other in the arms of faith and prayer before a God of Mercy—Blessed be God there is one spot where Christians (however distant their abodes) may unite—at the throne of grace all may assemble and obtain audience and acceptance—My love to your wife and children—tell the former I should be much gratified to receive a letter from her—Your affectionate

Mother E. L. S.

Augusta, Maine.
Nov. 20, 1835.

My dear son William:

Your much esteemed favor of the 24 March last found a welcome reception in May following, by Mr. Washburn, who did not stop as he passed through Augusta, but we had the pleasure of seeing and conversing with him at China, where his father lives, as we rode thru' that town to Bangor in June last; for you must know, your mother and myself made a second journey in chaise to attend the annual meeting of the M. Missionary Society, etc. at Bangor in June, from which excursion and the agreeable interview of friends and relatives connected with the interesting occasion, we returned home in health and safety through divine goodness, after two weeks absence.

We are glad to hear that you "have done with slavery"—but sorry your wisdom has been so dearly purchased; and hope your loss will be remunerated tenfold, in better conditions. But you have not informed me what has become of these immortals. Are they free or are they still held in bondage to other masters, who may not treat them so kindly as yourself? But enough of this. I have other subjects and occurrences which will probably fill this sheet.

The anniversaries above alluded to, were uncommonly interesting, both in regard to the character of the several religious exercises and the spirit of benevolence which were conspicuous to admiration. The group embraced the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, the State Conference of Churches and of the Tract Society, and Education Society, and many important subjects connected with the movements of these Associations. And it was cheering, amidst the rapid growth of population, wealth and enterprise, to witness such attention to religious establishments of that City (for Bangor is such by incorporation) and in the region round about. The Theological institution, which is located here, is rising in importance and influence, and attracts the notice of others besides the pious. Its funds are becoming more ample—100,000 dollars were pledged at this meeting to be raised by voluntary contributions and a considerable part of it realized on the spot. One brick building of three stories is already erected and another in progress; and a goodly number of students pursuing their theological studies under able, pious, orthodox professors. Benjamin, the son of Rev. Mr. Tappan, is there, preparing for the ministry, and your cousin Daniel, of Chesterville, has already begun to preach. The influence of this institution is evident by the good effects produced at Oldtown, Hampden, Frankfort, Orrington, etc. in each of which as well as several other towns more remote from the river, meeting houses are erected and ministers recently settled. The minister settled (the last week) at Frankford, by the name of Tappan, of Boston, is a lineal descendant on the mother's side of the late Dr. Sewall of South Church, Boston. After our return home your Aunt Pris. Sewall, who, you will recollect I informed you, had been laid on a bed of sickness by a severe fall and dislocation of the hip, has recovered as far as to be able to walk the room with help, and in the course of the summer was able to be conveyed in chaise to our house, where she spent a week, much to our mutual satisfaction, and then returned home in the same manner. Where she continues in comfortable circumstances, to the astonishment of all her friends. We also had a week's visit from Mr. K. Martin, in August, one of the Preceptresses of the school in Portland, where your sister Susan attended. And after enjoying a summer of health and tranquility, we projected another excursion, which you would hardly have anticipated, an account of which will occupy a part, if not the whole, of the next page, and ought to excite our admiration and adoration of the divine power of goodness. On the 9th of Sept. we left Augusta in chaise for Boston. Our route was through Winthrop, (where we spent the first night with Cousin Stephen Sewall), Monmouth, Wales, and Lisbon, where a bridge crosses the Androscoggin to Durham, and thence through Pownal to Northyarmouth, where our first day's journey from Winthrop located us at a commodious inn for the night. The next morning we rode into Portland, where we spent the day among our friends, and lodged at the Misses Martin's. The day following (Saturday) we proceeded to Kennebunk and "rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment," at your Uncle Daniel's, whose daughters attend worship at the Union Orthodox Church. On Monday after dinner, we rode to York, the place of my nativity, and put up at the mansion of the late Judge David Sewall, occupied by his widow, where we met a welcome, hospitable reception and passed the night. Here we spent the forenoon of Tuesday in visiting the domicil, about a mile north of the meeting house, where I "first breathed the vital air" where I was cradled and nursed, where I spent my boyhood, satisfied with my obscure limited circle—and from whence I trudged a mile and half to school with my dinner in my satchel. Where too, my sainted mother early instructed me in the elements of that religion, which by divine grace in answer to her prayers, I have since found to be the religion revealed in the gospel of Christ. But on looking around the neighboring houses are demolished—not a particle to be seen—the fence, the roads, the trees, all changed so as almost to destroy the identity of the scene. But especially are all my contemporaries, and many of my juniors gone down to the grave, and other generations following in rapid succession the same course through time to eternity, from a state of probation to a state, an unalterable state of happiness or misery! From York we proceeded on our journey, and on the third day reached Salem before dinner, where we must needs stop and spend a little time with your Aunt Elizabeth Crosby, now married to a resident here. The residue of this day and night following was accordingly passed with this interesting friend and her husband who were both overjoyed with our visit. On the morrow, we said "they must send us away"—so we soon came in sight of the great metropolis, the goal of our journey; and after passing through Charleston, and calling on your cousin Rev. Daniel Crosby whom you doubtless recollect, and who is now pastor of a church and congregation in this town—we entered the famous City of Boston, on Friday the 18 Sept. in health and safety. Here we found, and I was introduced to many of your mother's relations (none nearer than cousins and aunts) but who all gave us a warm welcome and hearty reception. From one of these cousins, Mr. Stinson we received a cordial invitation to pass the sabbath in his pious family, which was as cordially accepted; and after attending P. W. at O South M. and at Pine Street P. M. and on Monday by another like invitation, we removed our lodgings to a Mr. White's—Avon place; not far from the Old South, a more central situation; from whence to make our visits and excursions, and where we continued during our stay in the city. From whence we made excursions to Cambridge, Brighton, Jamaica plains in Roseburg, and even Oldham, ten miles from Boston, where Rev. Mr. Burgess is minister of the orthodox church (right opposite the Unitarian) who married the late Gov. Phillip's daughter, another of your mother's cousins, and where we spent our second sabbath with that pious, benevolent and lovely family, most happily. On Monday we returned to our lodgings in Avon place. This week was occupied in making excursions, visits and calls, in viewing some of the wonderful operations of Steam Power, on the railroads, and laboratories for chymical preparations, for cutting and moulding articles of glass, and for preparing floor boards and other materials for mechanical use in building. Of the first mentioned, three groups of cars ply daily from Boston to Lowell 30 miles—to Worcester and to Providence, 40 miles each, with surprising facility and rapidity. But I satisfied myself with viewing the arrival of a group from Worcester, which disgorged its passengers to the amount I judged of hundreds—without take the risk of a passage. We also visited the Odeon, so called (which was formerly the Federal Street Theatre), in which the State Temperance Society were holding meeting—and which is now occupied for a place of orthodox worship. On the return of the sabbath (the 4th since we left home) we attended P. W. and the communion at O. South in the morning and at Bowdoin St. P. M.—and on Monday prepared to take our departure in the morrow, but were prevented one day by a rain storm. On Wednesday, however, we were favored with fair weather, took our leave of Boston, and commenced our journey homeward, which was prosecuted with similar progress and by the same route and stages as we went—embracing one sabbath which we spent at your Uncle Daniel's as before and reached home on Thursday the 15th Oct. before dark in health and safety, and it affords us much consolidation and gratitude, to reflect on the divine protection and beneficence which has accompanied us in all the course and circumstances of this extended journey—that no unfavorable thing has occurred to either of us in our persons or health—no failure in the carriage or horse—not even a shoe was displaced—not a shower of rain to arrest our progress—and the roads remarkably free from mud and dust. Surely "He who keepth Israel has been on our right hand and on our left, to preserve us from all evil—in our going out and coming in." In this rapid sketch, I had forgot to mention that we called and spent a night with Rev. Mr. Webster, of Hampton, N. H. in our return, who informed us that he had a son, a pious young man, who contemplated going to some part of Illinois State to obtain land for a farm. I do not remember his Christian name. If I had not been too much fatigued I would have written a letter of introduction by him to you. I gave however your name and address "Efton hills near Beardstown," I did not see the young man and now what shall I say about our thriving town and village? Time and paper would fail me should I relate all the improvements in buildings, improvements of the streets, etc. I believe about 10 dwelling houses have been erected the summer past between the jail and Rev. Tappan's meeting house, and othr parts of the town are building up. A Baptist and a Universal meeting house have been erected and completed in the past season, on this side of the river, and a building of brick for a High School.

Of our family connections and circumstances, an important fact must not be omitted before I close. Henry S. Dutch, who had been an acceptable and efficient clerk in the counting room of the Gardners at Hallowell, being no longer needed in that business—sought a similar employment elsewhere; and after personal efforts with letters of recommendation, at Boston and N. York, failing of success, a favorable opening was providentially discovered at Bangor—a clerkship in the store of Messrs. Norcross & Mason, respectable merchants and both professors of religion. This office was secured to Henry and he entered upon his duties of it with avidity just about a year ago, and performed to the entire acceptance of the firm, till by close application and want of athletic exercise, his health began to decline in the course of the last winter, as his dyspeptic complaint (with which he had before been afflicted) increased, and after trying the salt water a few weeks, without benefit, he returned home in August. About the first of Oct. he began more rapidly to decline and for a few weeks after his return from Boston he appeared almost a skeleton and little hope was entertained of his recovery. Now for the brighter side of the interesting picture. For about a fortnight he has been gaining flesh and strength and giving hopeful indications of his recovery—to be a comfort and blessing to the family, to society and especially to the church, for the crowning point in this summary sketch, is this, that he has for months given satisfactory evidence of his saving conversion to Christ. The rest of the family in all its branches are well, and desire love and affection, though room will not allow me to particularize.

Among the improvements I omitted to mention the reforms made in Mr. Tappan's meeting house, by lowering the pulpit, enlarging the porch and upper stair case, painting the pews, carpeting the aisles, etc. And it would be well if as great improvement were visible in the spiritual state of the church. Similar improvements have been made in the O. South meeting house at Hallowell—without corresponding growth in the grace of the Chh there.

Moreover the great effort of erecting a dam across the Kennebec, above the bridge at the foot of the island, for the purpose of employing a water power on the banks between that and the bridge, is now in progress, but will not be completed till another season. From your affectionate father.

H. Sewall.

N. B. The deaths in this place since my last, are old Mr. Woodward, aged 98, Gen'l. Sam'l. Cony, about 60, and Mrs. Ruth Jones, 70 odd with several others. Your mother desires her best regards and wishes your wife would write her. H. Sewall.

[The following is copy of letter from Henry Sewall to his son William in regard to immigration of William Dutch and family to Beardstown.]

Augusta, Me. June 5, 1837.

My dear son William

Your very acceptable letter of the 14 Nov. last was duly received as good news from a far country, & ought to have been answered sooner, but a delay has arisen from several causes. Among these, the perusal of a letter from Henry, in which he invites his father's family to remove to your neighborhood in Illinois, has been the topic of much consideration, & prevented my writing until I should be able to communicate something of a decided character on that subject.I soon found that the family appeared desirous of removing if they could obtain the pecuniary means of going. This required some calculation as to the most eligible mode of travelling, & the necessary appropriate expenses of the mode selected. On due consideration & consultation with judicious friends, the plan of proceeding by water (if a passage could be found) directly to N. York or Philada. was preferred to that of travelling in a wagon—thence to pursue the common route & mode of passage to Pittsburg, & so down the Ohio. In this way the expenses would be least, amounting by estimation to about 30$ apiece, which for 5 persons would amount to 150$. In this view of the subject, I made an explicit propoasl & offer to Wm. Dutch about three weeks since, to advance him **three hundred dollars** whenever he should be ready to go. This engagement I was enabled to make by the generous aid of your present Mother in law*, in furnishing a considerable part of the stipulated sum. This sum would probably give him an overplus of nearly 150$ to purchase land & other conveniences on their arrival in your region. If however, no water passage should offer directly to N. Y. or Philada. & they were to proceed by steamboat and railroad via Boston, N. York & Philada. it would increase the expenses to nearly 50$ a person, & reduce the surplus of the above sum to 50$ on their arrival, which however would purchase the 40 acres of public land mentioned by Henry. But in all these estimates, I have made no account of the proceeds of their furniture, which would be considerable. In either of the modes of travelling above mentioned, each individual would be allowed a trunk & bandbox, which would contain all the extra clothing, bed & table linen they might deem it expedient to carry.—It is well known here, that I have already done much for this family, as well as for that of your brother, which has prevented me from doing somethnig for you, but which if my life is spared, I still hope to do, as soon as able, independent of what I shall leave to be equally divided among my heirs.——Friends & family connections, are well, & hold you all in affectionate remembrance.

H. Sewall.

P. S. We have had a "little reviving in our bondage" at Hallowell. An accession of 13 young persons, by profession, & 3 by letter, were received into our chh. at the last communion in May, 6 males & 10 females. But I cannot enlarge—

[The following is a letter from Henry Sewall to his son William Sewall].

Augusta, Me. Nov. 24, 1840.

My dear son William:

Your welcome letter of the 31 Oct. has happily "broken the silence" which had too long "passed between us," to interrupt our epistolary intercourse. And I am happy to find that you have so good an apology; for it cannot diminish my happiness to learn that you have been, & still are employed in erecting more comfortable buildings for the accommodation of your rising family. And I hope too, that you will be enabled to meet & considerably overcome the difficulties incident to a new country, both in regard to the establishment of convenient mansions & the suitable education of your beloved children. The "hard times" of which you complain is a common calamity, which has been produced, as we think, chiefly, by the impolitic administration of the Gen. Government. A timely remedy, however, is now in prospect; & the hand of a merciful providence appears evident to every unprejudiced & discerning mind, by the general union which now prevails in the suffrages for chief magistrate of the nation. The change so long desired by a large proportion of the intelligent community, is now made morally certain. And it appears to me that the good effects of the new administration will, by the divine blessing, produce relief from present embarrassments, sooner than you seem to anticipate. True to use the language of another "the government is in debt & its finances in disorder; the people are embarrassed & depressed by low prices & the difficulty of converting property into money; but the country is sound at heart and strong in its industry, its productive energies & its vast resources. It needs only that this industry be cherished & these resources developed by a wise & fostering policy, & the land will soon resume its onward march to prosperity & greatness. The national expenditures must & will be reduced below twenty millions a year—the number of federal office-holders greatly reduced—their interference in elections be discouraged—& their banding to secure the re-election of their presidential chief, or to dictate the choice of a successor—must be utterly at an end. Which may Heaven speedily grant." And we have the satisfaction to find that our efforts "down east" have not been nugatory in this great result. Maine, so long in the background, has now come boldly forward to the rescue. The electoral ticket for Harrison has been carried by a majority of 270 votes. This result exceeds our expectation, & claims our devout thanks.

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*Refers to step-mother.

We are gratified to hear of your fruitful season, & that your abundant harvest has so liberally rewarded the labors of industry;—more still, that, notwithstanding the low state of religion among you, efforts are making to "procure a gospel minister." The Lord speed your endeavors.—Although the religious thermometer ranges low in this place, there have been during the present year, precious revivals in several important portions of the state—Portland, Saco, Brunswick, Bath, Bangor, Machias, & some other towns—are mentioned, where very considerable accessions have been made to the churches, of such as hope to "be saved by the washing of regeneration & renewing of the Holy Ghost." In June last we made a journey in chaise to York, & attended the county conf. of churches there. As we passed thro Portland we spent a sabbath in that city, and witnessed & enjoyed some of the effects of the revival there.

I observe, in the date, as well as the post mark of your letter, the name of Virginia inserted. Pray let us know whether this is the legitimate name of your locality, or is it merely the child of fancy? You have such a variety of names for the same places, that we have often been puzzled to know how to direct your letters. Does this Virginia embrace the Sangamon valley, & the neighborhood to which W. Dutch has removed—& have you a distinct post office of this description, or is it the Panther Creek post office new vamped? Our last letters from Mr. Dutch's present location, were dated "Sangamon Valley, Panther Creek post office." Cass County, I am well informed is made from the northerly part of Morgan County, & I should think (by looking at the map of which I have an accurate copy dated 1838) that it includes also the strip of about ten miles width from Sangamon county, which extends on the original line of Morgan to the Illinois river west, & the Sangamon river North; especially as it would leave Sangamon county in better shape & still retaining a greater size than Cass & Morgan put together.

The Rev. Dr. Gillet who is about 70, has gone to the "far west" to visit three of his children, of whom one is in Indiana, one in Kentucky, & one in Alton, Ill. which last mentioned place I find is in Madison county on the Mississippi, & as much as 70 miles south of you. By him I wrote to Henry Dutch under date of the 24 Oct. when I just completed my 88th year.—

And now, my son, will you not be admonished to hasten the completion of your necessary buildnigs, that you may find time to perform the journey which you have so long contemplated & so long deferred, to visit your aged father before he dies? Old Mr. Bacas has deceased within the present year, and he was ten years younger than the writer of this. And although many others who once knew you, do not continue by reason of death, a goodly number yet remain to give you a hearty welcome. The facilities for travelling have now become so frequent & rapid, that I sometimes feel almost ready to attempt the journey myself, long and crooked as it is, & thus anticipate the interview by meeting you in your own dwelling at Illinois. But this is the mere flight of fancy. I must prepare for the indispensable journey which awaits me, "from whose bourne no traveler returns."

With regard to local concerns, I can say but little. The dam across Kennebec river, which in the spring of 1839 was so broken by the freshet, as to be considered by many irreparable, is now repaired, by extending a wing from the old part, which remains firm, across the chasm to the western bank; & the water now runs majestically over the whole, & the lock on the east side is passable with boats & rafts. If it survives the fall & spring freshets, which is now confidently hoped, miles of machinery for various manufactories, may be erected the next season, which will give a spring to stagnated business among us.

Charles & his family are well; his two daughters are married, & Henry is clerk in a shoe store, Water Street. To the abundant harvest of the field, his fruitful vine has produced a young "olive plant within the sides of his house" —On the 7. inst. Sophia was delivered of a daughter, "born out of due time" —18 years after Henry, her last child. This is leap year & it is a very fruitful one. Susan & family are in possession of good health, while a deadly disease has swept away many children around them. They all send love & long to see you—as well as

H. Sewall.

P. S. We had a snow yesterday, the first worth mentioning—about ten inches, & the ground being a little frozen, makes pretty sleighing. But the river remains open. (I don't know but I made a mistake about your letter being dated at Virginia. I find on reviewing your letter that it was only the post mark).

[Copy of letter written by Gen. Henry Sewall to his son in Cass County, Ill. Gen. Sewall was 91 years of age when this letter was written.]

Augusta, Me. Sept. 23, 1843.

My dear son William:

Your acceptable letter of the 2 May, has been duly received, and ought to have been acknowledged long before, but a variety of circumstances and events interfered. Soon after it reached us, we made a journey to Bangor, to attend the annual conference of our church, which journey occupied more than a week, and on our return, I found I had brought with me the disorder called the influenza, which has hung upon me with but little intermission during the summer, from which I am now scarcely recovered. Your mother has been feeble, but we are both convalescing, and hope with prudent care of our diet, and exercise accompanied with a divine blessing, soon to recover our usual health. We are happy to learn that you and yours are also recovered from similar interruptions of health and hope we shall all feel and acknowledge our dependence and obligation to "Him" in whose hands our life and health are, and whose ways are all our ways. We too have had a tedious winter, but a favorable summer, and although this spring was backward, the season for planting and sowing has exceeded the expectations of the farmer. The crops of hay and grain are already harvested, and the prospect of corn in the field is abundant. No part of your letter affords me so much genuine satisfaction as the information of a revival of religion in your neighborhood and especially in your own family, and I ardently hope and pray that the subject of its theme may be enabled to preserve and to "Adorn the doctrine of God, their Savior in all things" and thus be a solace to their parents, an example to the other children and instrumental in shedding a salutory influence in the circle of their acquaintances. The prevalence of true religion in your great region of prairie is becoming increasingly important. The grand Enemy of truth is not unconscious of the advantages of this location for his unfriendly operations, and it is the opinion of some judicious observers of the movements of the wheel of Providence, that a preparation is making for the "Great battle of Gog and Magog who are to encompass the camp of the saints." But they shall not prevail for the "Lord God will rain upon him and upon the people that are with him an overflowing rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone"—. Mr. Tappan has had a revival among his people since the small schism which occurred before you were here, and he has received more new members than he lost by that defection. The church now numbers over 200 and they have adopted new and sound articles of faith.

On considering the subject of your disappointment with respect to the emolument of the threshing machine, loss of houses and scantiness of harvest and dullness of market, I have done what I did not intend or expect to do—

taken up one of the notes (the largest one) which you gave with Mr. S. for the machine, amounting with interest to $117.74. This has cost me considerable exertion, and I trust you will not fail to make exertions to pay the others, for I cannot engage to do it in justice to my other children. You have doubtless had notice from the Treasurer, of your being made an honorary member of the American Board, by the payment into the Treasury, the sum of $100.00. If your curiosity should be excited by this occurrence it may be sufficient explanation to remark that this consecrated sum from the savings of my pension, was due to the Lord's Treasury, as an expression of my gratitude for the benefit received in answer to special prayer. The collateral circumstance of making you an honorary member therewith, was merely gratuitous and I hope well received. And now to resume the subject begun on the other page—it is certainly evident to a critical observer of the signs of the times, that the wild speculations, schisms, and dissentions in church and state, do seem to indicate some great change "in the affairs of men." What the change will be will ere long make known, whether for better or worse. In the established church of the reformation Preseyism is boldly exposing and declaring from the pulpit the doctrines of purgatory, transubstantiation and other popish doctrines in England, and also in America of late, but here, not without decided opposition. Still there are in our own country, besides the apostacy in Cambridge University (which was planted a fine vine by our Pilgrim Fathers) symptoms of a more lax theology held by some of the Professors in New Haven and Andover, but which are happily checked by others in each of these seminaries who adhere more strictly to the scriptural doctrines of the "faith once delivered to the saints." Moreover, the schism in the Presbyterian denomination, has probably carried the adherents of the new school into as great an error on the right hand, as they adjudge the old school to have done the left. But light and informataion and improvement may profitably be elicited by the diversion, which may in the issue be profitable to both. You have the modern errors of Mormonism, Campbellism and Millerism, besides the ancient heresy of Romanism to annoy you in your region; and we have Swedenborgianism, Unitarianism, and some Illerism, but more Universalism in our region. This last mentioned delusion has gained advocates hereabout within the last few years, and meeting houses have been erected in Hallowell and Gardiner, and churches gathered and prayer meetings held and ordinances administered extensively. But we think this denomination has lately done so much on the spur of the occasion to keep pace with the orthodox, that it has already reached its summit by exhausting its energies, and that it will not possess ambition sufficient to support the expenses of a regular ministry, and the concordant taxes of a parish establishment, especially when they reflect that according to their own system, they can be saved without all of these heresies, when they have had their day, will cease. "The man of sin the son of perdition, who sitteth in the temple of God assuming his prerogative" the Lord will consume by the spirit of his mouth and destroy with the brightness of his coming." The **false prophet** with his adherents will continue "until he be taken out of the way" (and his power is already on the decline) is denounced in the scriptures of truth, to have his position with the "grand deceivers of the nations."

But the more modern absurdities which are broached among you, but not expressly referred to in the scriptures the names of Joe Smith or Campbell—not being recorded among the apostles or prophets—their own incongruity will probably bring them into disgrace and like the boastings of Thedias and insurrection of Judas, not being of God, will be scattered and brought to naught, so called from Dr. Pusey who preached these doctrines. 2 Thess. 2 Chapter and Rev. 20.

The want of harmony in our elections is rather unhappy and unfavorable to the best interests of the community. But to the Christian, the fact that the Lord reigns, and will order all things for his own glory and good of his believing people, is a source of consolation, and mitigates many evils which we cannot combat.

We had a letter from Henry Dutch written at Walnut Grove in July, giving account of the state of the family—and among other things, he thinks "his father has some of the symptoms occasionally of the apoplexy—being subject to dizziness while at work, etc." I should hardly have considered him a probable subject for that disorder. But I have very little skill in constitutional liabilities—we all have the seeds of dissolution in our natures and "death's thousand doors are open." It therefore behooves us to be prepared to meet this last enemy. The longest liver has no warrant to presume on the prolongation of life. Methuselah died. I have nearly 21 years exceeded the boundary of human life. But I must not presume. This may be the last letter I shall ever write you.

Your mother, Charles and Susan are in tolerable health and if present would all send their love, in company with my affectionate regards to yourself, your unseen wife and children,

H. Sewall.

P. S. Gen'l. John Crosby is dead, he deceased May 25th.

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